



**National WEP/GPO Repeal Task Force
CALL TO ACTION WEEK**

February 5 – 9, 2024



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CAMPAIGN DESCRIPTION

Congress is in the 2nd Session, 118th Congress, and repealing the penalties will only get harder the closer we reach the end of the year. We are also at a critical juncture as our nation moves into the 2024 election cycle. For these reasons, all organizations and individuals must consider their actions to eliminate the WEP and GPO as urgent.

There are two facets to the **CALL TO ACTION WEEK**.

1. **GROUP ACTION – DAILY**

During the week of February 5 – 9, 2024, advocates will contact a group of House Committee on WAYS & MEANS members each day through email, phoning, and social media, asking them to request a “mark-up” session for H.R. 82 and bring the repeal of the penalties to a favorable conclusion.

Suggested messaging for email, X-Twitter, and Facebook are provided, along with daily lists of members, including direct links to each legislator, D.C. phone number, staff name, and email address.

2. **INDIVIDUAL ACTION**

Constituents of unsponsored H.R. 82 Representatives are encouraged to arrange online or in-person meetings with their elected officials to motivate them to cosponsor the bill.

Find Phone Numbers for Representatives

Official List of House Members

https://clerk.house.gov/member_info/olm-118.pdf

SOCIAL MEDIA RESOURCES

The Excel file attached to the introductory email shares social media accounts for each House Committee on WAYS & MEANS Member. To connect directly to legislators' social media accounts, please find a great source at <https://tragecancer.org/congressional-social-media>, updated in 2023.

Official House X-Twitter Handles: <https://pressgallery.house.gov/member-data/members-official-twitter-handles> (Last Updated: 1/22/2024)

SUGGESTED X-TWITTER POST

The November 20, 2024, Field Hearing link can be used as the X-Twitter image.
<https://waysandmeans.house.gov/event/social-security-subcommittee-field-hearing-on-social-securitys-disservice-to-public-servants-how-the-windfall-elimination-provision-and-government-pension-offset-mistreat-government-workers/>

Please help, [insert legislator X-Twitter handle].

#RequestHR82MarkUp session for H.R. 82.

#FavorablyMarkUpHR82—Bring decades-old injustice of the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) and Government Pension Offset (GPO) to a favorable conclusion.

Thank you!

Example

Please help, @RepAMKul.

#RequestHR82MarkUp session for H.R. 82.

#FavorablyMarkUpHR82—Bring decades-old injustice of the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) and Government Pension Offset (GPO) to a favorable conclusion.

Thank you!

SUGGESTED FACEBOOK POST

Public service workers are counting on you, [insert Facebook @legislator tag/name], to help #EliminateWEPGPO in 2024, and H.R. 82 does just that!

It is time to bring the decades-old injustice of the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) and Government Pension Offset (GPO) to a close, so please request a “mark-up” session for the bill, moving forward to #FavorablyMarkUpHR82.

Thank you!

Example

Public service workers are counting on you, **Congresswoman Anna Kul**, to help #EliminateWEPGPO in 2024, and H.R. 82 does just that!

It is time to bring the decades-old injustice of the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) and Government Pension Offset (GPO) to a close, so please request a “mark-up” session for the bill, moving forward to #FavorablyMarkUpHR82.

Thank you!

PREPARED EMAIL MESSAGE

The following message has been approved by the offices of the sponsor and lead cosponsor of H.R. 82. While organizations may need to tailor the communication to meet the needs of their members, it should be done so within the context of the request to House WAYS & MEANS Committee members but ask that all use the same subject header.

Prior to using the suggested email below, please confirm the number of cosponsors.

SUGGESTED EMAIL COMMUNICATION

Subject Header: Call for a “mark-up” session—Repeal the WEP & GPO through a favorable “mark-up” of H.R. 82.

Dear Representative,

On November 20, 2023, a successful field hearing (<https://bit.ly/3U2J6Ua>) was held for the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) and the Government Pension Offset (GPO). We saw immense and enthusiastic support from legislators and witnesses for repealing these Social Security penalties.

Coupled with the momentous hearing, H.R. 82, the bill to repeal the WEP and GPO, has overwhelming bipartisan support represented by 304 cosponsors.

Please bring this decades-old injustice to a close by requesting a “mark-up” session for the bill to assist in getting the repeal to a favorable conclusion.

The notion that repealing the WEP and GPO would negatively impact the solvency of the Social Security trust funds is unfounded. For nearly 50 years, the Social Security Administration has used our earned benefits to bolster the funds and maintain its solvency. The only way to rectify this unfair situation is to repeal the WEP and GPO through federal legislation.

I appreciate your consideration and look forward to your help in repealing the penalties in the 118th Congress.

Thank you,

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