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The Honorable Kevin Brady
Ranking Member
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Washington, D.C. 20515

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CRAIG LALLY
Recording Secretary
Los Angeles Police Protective League

Dear Chairman Neal and Ranking Member Brady:

SCOTT HOVSEPIAN
Treasurer
Massachusetts Coalition of Police

On behalf of the National Association of Police Organizations (NAPO), representing over 241,000 sworn law enforcement officers across the nation, I am writing to urge you to act on Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) reform during this lame duck period.

KEITH CURRY
Sergeant-at-Arms
New Jersey State Policemen's Benevolent Association

During the Committee's September 20, 2022 markup of H.R. 82, the Social Security Fairness Act, you both pledged to work together in good faith to find a compromise between H.R. 2337, the Public Servants Protection and Fairness Act, and H.R. 5834, the Equal Treatment of Public Servants Act. To not follow through on this pledge would be detrimental to the retirement security of millions of public employees.

SCOTT LEETON
Executive Secretary
Combined Law Enforcement Associations of Texas

Through your work on WEP reform, you clearly understand how this provision unfairly penalizes public safety officers for choosing a public service profession that mandates early retirement by taking away hard-earned, and much needed benefits. While we prefer full repeal of the WEP, the debate during the markup of H.R. 82 made it evident that is not a political possibility at the moment, despite the bill's 305 bipartisan cosponsors.

MARK YOUNG
Vice President,
Associate Members
Detroit Police Lieutenants & Sergeants Association

NAPO strongly urges the inclusion of the current WEP exemptions in any WEP reform proposal and that they are extended to the new benefit formula. Most officers retire after 20 to 25 years of service and must find a second job, which is often covered by Social Security. Without the exemptions, these public servants will be hard hit by the WEP simply because they had to take a job in a covered position after retirement from their non-covered job.

JAMES PALMER
Parliamentarian
Wisconsin Professional Police Association

WILLIAM J. JOHNSON, CAE
Executive Director and
General Counsel

Further, we request that a benefit guarantee, much like the one in H.R. 2337, be included in the compromise proposal to ensure that reform will not further harm public safety officers' retirement benefits.

We stand ready to work with you to accomplish meaningful WEP reform that helps restore retirement security to public employees across this nation. If you have any questions, or if we can be of further assistance, please feel free to contact me at: (703) 549-0775.

Sincerely,

William J. Johnson, Esq.
Executive Director