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GPO/WEP Repeal Legislation Introduced in Congress

Representatives Howard Berman (D-CA) and Buck McKeon (R-CA) have reintroduced the Social Security Fairness Act to repeal the Government Pension Offset (GPO) and Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP). The new bill number is H.R. 235. The previous bill, which had over 300 cosponsors, expired at the end of the last Congress. The bill was introduced with over 80 cosponsors and that has grown to well over 100.

Both the GPO and the WEP unfairly penalize public servants by reducing Social Security benefits earned by themselves or a spouse if they also collect a public pension from states where public employees do not contribute to Social Security. All educators in Ohio are adversely affected by these unfair laws, and OEA fully supports the repeal of the GPO and the WEP and urges members to contact their members of Congress and ask them to cosponsor H.R. 235. More information is available at www.nea.org.