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The Honorable Richard E. Neal  
Chairman  
Committee on Ways and Means  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2309 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515-2101

Dear Chairman Neal:

On behalf of our 3 million members and the 50 million students they serve, we applaud your introduction of the Public Servants Protection and Fairness Act (H.R. 4540) that begins to address inequities caused by Social Security's Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP).

We are pleased that this first step would provide some financial relief for nearly 2 million retired educators and other public employees. Among those subject to the WEP, current retirees would get an extra \$150 a month and future retirees an average of \$75 a month. Moreover, the bill includes a guarantee that no one would get less than the amount provided under current law. While we appreciate what this bill would accomplish, we continue to advocate for full repeal of the WEP as well as the Government Pension Offset (GPO) that reduces the Social Security spousal or survivor benefits of people not covered by Social Security themselves.

Educators, firefighters, police officers, and other dedicated public employees deserve to receive the full Social Security benefits they have earned. NEA stands ready to work with you to advance H.R. 4540.

Sincerely,

Marc Egan  
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