

Memorandum

International Union of Police Associations
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To: I.U.P.A. Local Presidents

From: Sam A. Cabral, International President

Re: Retirement Benefits

Date: June 21, 2019

The I.U.P.A. looks out for the best interests of Law Enforcement Professionals across this great nation and its territories, not only during their careers, but their retirement concerns as well. That means that we remain apprised of current and upcoming legislation that affects both active and retired law enforcement. Through this diligence, we have maintained vigilance toward changing the Windfall Elimination Provision.

How can the Windfall Elimination Provision affect you?

As a retiree affected by the Windfall Elimination Provision, you could be losing nearly \$5,000 a year and if the Government Pension Offset affects you, you easily could be losing \$12,000 or \$24,000 every year!

What is the Windfall Elimination Provision?

An amount up to half the value of your pension can be cut from the Social Security you have earned in other work in which you paid the required FICA taxes.

What can you do about it?

Retirees: learn about ARLEO!

Visit <http://arleo.org> to learn about Alliance for Retired Law Enforcement Officers (ARLEO) and the many benefits available through your membership. Join now!

Active and retired LEOs: sign up for updates!

The I.U.P.A. asks that you visit the website for Social Security Fairness at <https://ssfairness.com/> and click on the blue, "Join Our Mailing List" button to join their mailing list and stay apprised of important developments in this legislation. Urge your family members to do the same!

Active and retired LEOs: call and write your representatives in Congress!

One hundred and eighty-five Members of the House of Representatives have signed onto H.R. 141, the House bill to repeal the GPO/WEP. These include 45 Republicans. Do not despair if you are represented by a Republican—this is a bi-partisan bill!

Thirty Senators have co-sponsored S. 521, however, Collins, Murkowski, and Boozman are the only Republican Senators. There are more out there who have supported us in the past, such as Kennedy from Louisiana. Call up your Senator's local office and ask why he/she hasn't signed on, yet.

It is a busy time in Congress, but keep reminding them of how important this is. Go to their website and email. Buy postcards and mail them. Make friends with someone in their state or district office. Again, urge your family members do the same!