

National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association

Alaska Federation of Chapters



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Honorable Bill Wielechowski Honorable Scott Kawasaki Honorable Jesse Kiehl Honorable Elvi Gray-Jackson Alaska State Senate Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Senators Wielechowski, Kawasaki, Kiehl and Gray Jackson:

I recently became aware of your resolution SJR 12, "Urging the United State Congress to repeal the Windfall Elimination Provision and Government Pension Offset of the Social Security Act".

I am writing to advise you that the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE) shares your interest in the repeal of these policies. While the text of SJR 12 does not reference the Federal community, the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) and Government Pension Offset (GPO) affect retired Federal employees, disabled workers, spouses and children every bit as much as they do the state and local cohort. I am attaching two documents developed by our National Headquarters staff that provide further detail.

While the resolution rightly focuses on the deleterious impacts of WEP and GPO on state and local public employees, the fact remains that it also affects the Federal community. Including reference to this detail in the resolution may increase its effectiveness at the Congressional level.

NARFE has been working for years to affect the repeal of WEP and GPO. We appreciate the fact that the Alaska State Senate has now taken up the challenge. If there is anything we can do to help you in this regard, please do not hesitate to contact me at pimac@gci.net.

Best regards,

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