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Senator,

As I am sure you are aware, the *Social Security Fairness Act* (H.R. 82) passed the House on Tuesday, November 12 with 327 votes in favor. Importantly, a majority of both parties supported the bill's passage. There is a clear, bicameral, bipartisan consensus of support for passing this legislation.

In the Senate, the companion legislation to H.R. 82 currently has 62 co-sponsors including 13 members of the Senate GOP Conference and notably our Vice President-elect. As one of those 13 co-sponsors, you may be soon called upon to honor your signature with a vote on the Senate floor. When that time comes, I urge to you stand by your commitment just as we have in the House.

This bill is not only one of the most co-sponsored in recent history, but it also has the support of nearly every major professional organization representing law enforcement, teachers, firefighters, and other public servants, including the Fraternal Order of Police, the National Association of Police Organizations, and the International Association of Fire Fighters.

For decades, both sides have recognized the failures of the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) and Government Pension Offset (GPO). These provisions, originally meant to bring accountability to government benefits have stolen countless billions of dollars that rightly belong to our nation's senior citizens. In my home state of Louisiana, tens of thousands of retirees and surviving spouses are impacted each year.

There is only one bill that can end the injustice caused by WEP and GPO—H.R. 82, the *Social Security Fairness Act*. I urge you and your Senate colleagues to swiftly pass this bill and deliver long-delayed justice to millions of Americans.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Clay Higgins".

Clay Higgins
Member of Congress