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November 22, 2024

The Honorable Charles E. Schumer
Majority Leader
United States Senate
322 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Senator Schumer,

As I am sure you are aware, the *Social Security Fairness Act* (H.R. 82) passed the House last Tuesday, November 12, with 327 votes in favor. Importantly, a majority of both parties supported the bill's passage. **In the Senate, S.597, the companion legislation to H.R. 82 sponsored by outgoing Senator Sherrod Brown, currently has 62 co-sponsors.** There has never been a window of opportunity like this to capitalize on a clear consensus of bicameral, bipartisan support for this legislation.

H.R. 82 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, including over 35,000 of your constituents in the state of New York. In my home state of Louisiana, over 81,000 retirees and surviving spouses are impacted each year by WEP & GPO.

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 to swiftly bring this bill to the floor and deliver long-delayed justice to millions of Americans and their families.

Respectfully,

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

Clay Higgins
Member of Congress