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Dear Chairman Smith, Chairman Ferguson, and members of the House Ways and Means Committee,

We are submitting these comments on behalf of the Louisiana State Association of Letter Carriers (LSALC), which represents nearly 3,800 active and retired city letter carriers.

First, we would like to express our appreciation for the hearing held in Baton Rouge on Nov. 20. Your questions and the witnesses' testimonies emphasized the true hardship the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) and the Government Pension Offset (GPO) have had on the nation's retired public servants in Louisiana and nationwide.

These provisions are unfair and wrongfully reduce or sometimes eliminate the benefits that letter carriers and other public workers have paid into and earned throughout their careers.

Letter carriers spend their working lives serving their communities and providing an essential service that all Americans rely on. We are lifelines for seniors who need medications. We ensure our customers receive paychecks and bills on time. We deliver essential packages six and sometimes seven days a week. We are proven devoted public servants who deserve to receive the full Social Security benefits that we have earned.

Our retired members, who are living on fixed incomes, are not asking for anything extra. We, alongside millions of other public employees, are asking you to repeal the WEP and GPO so that we can receive the benefits we are entitled to and enjoy the modest retirement that we worked for and expected.

This benefit reduction does not happen in the private sector, and if it did, it would likely be tried in court. We must do better by treating our public servants better. We cannot allow the government to keep taking from our earned retirement benefits. It is time to finally repeal the WEP and GPO, with your help and support.

We appreciate your consideration of the Social Security Fairness Act (H.R. 82), and the LSALC is hopeful that the committee will hold a markup on the legislation soon.

Sincerely,

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