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NATIONAL FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE

Brothers and Sisters,

We are on the verge of passing H.R. 82, the “Social Security Fairness Act,” in the House next week—perhaps as early as Tuesday!

But let me be clear—our opponents are **DETERMINED** to stop us. Last week, a pair of Representatives broke the House rules to table our legislation. Next week, they will be offering a different bill to compete with ours. They will argue that it costs less and still makes things fair for public employees. It does not and we must work to defeat H.R. 5342, the “Equal Treatment of Public Servants Act!”

ALL MEMBERS must reach out to their House Representatives and tell them they must VOTE YES for H.R. 82, the “Social Security Fairness Act,” they also urge them to VOTE NO on H.R. 5342, the :Equal Treatment of Public Servants Act.”

The title of H.R. 5342 is misleading. Here's why it falls short of truly fair treatment:

- Some Representatives may see this bill as an easier compromise and support it because it costs less instead of fully repealing WEP/GPO.
- This bill does not provide public employees with their full earned benefit; it applies yet another formula that reduces benefits.
- It offers no relief to retired members already receiving reduced Social Security benefits.
- Currently, pensioners with 30 years of substantial Social Security-covered earnings can bypass the WEP reduction and receive their full benefit. This bill would remove that exemption for persons aged 20 or less in 2024.
- Spousal benefits reduced by the Government Pension Offset will remain unchanged, as this bill fails to address GPO reductions for public employees. The GPO is left intact and will continue to punish our families.

I cannot emphasize enough the importance of mobilizing our grassroots network this weekend.

The message should be clear:

- **VOTE NO on H.R. 5342**, the Equal Treatment of Public Servants Act.
- **VOTE YES on H.R. 82**, the Social Security Fairness Act.

Please act now by emailing your House Representatives this weekend, urging them to VOTE YES on H.R. 82. & VOTE NO on H.R. 5342, You can do so easily with a few clicks by accessing the NFOP Legislative Action Center: <https://votervoice.net/FOP/home>

Thank you for your immediate action on this important issue!

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