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**NEA asks members to tell Congress to end the unfair penalties on Social Security Benefits.** With the devastating effects of the coronavirus on our retirees' health and finances, Congress also needs to eliminate burden created by the Social Security's Government Pension Offset (GPO) and Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP).

These two acts penalize educators and other state and local government employees who dedicate their lives to public service. GPO reduces the social security spousal or survival benefits of people who get a government pension but did not pay social security taxes themselves. WEP reduces the social security retirement, disability spousal or survivor benefits of people who work in jobs in which they pay social security taxes and jobs in which they do not pay social security taxes (for example, educators who take part-time or summer jobs to make ends meet).

NEA is supporting the *Social Security Fairness Act* (S. 521/HR 141) which would fully repeal both GPO and WEP. During these very uncertain times of a pandemic, it is time for Congress to act now for our retirees around the globe.

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