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1. GREAT NEWS! The Status of the “Discharge Petition” to force a vote to repeal GPO/WEP. HR 82, the Social Security Fairness Act, which would repeal GPO/WEP, will get a vote on the House floor. A discharge petition (#16) was filed to force the bill to the floor. It needed 218 signatures, and that goal was achieved. It will most likely get a vote in November. Please contact your House Representative and ask him/her to vote in favor of HR 82 (the Social Security Fairness Act) when the vote is taken. To find your House member, visit www.house.gov and type in your zip code in the upper right-hand corner.

2. Plan Your Vote. Voting and registering can be a confusing task with different timelines and procedures. To help you get all the information you need for your State, visit NBC Plan Your Vote, for all the relevant information for your State: [Plan Your Vote: How to vote in the 2024 election in every state \(nbcnews.com\)](https://www.nbcnews.com/storyline/election/plan-your-vote)

3. How Every FEA-R Member can help to get out the vote. What can you do to get the vote out this fall? Contact us at retiredFEA@gmail.com and we will give you the special instructions for getting out the vote in your area to elect pro-education candidates. We are asking you to write down 10 people that you will work with to get them to the polls on November 5. Just take a picture of the completed form and send it back to us and we will enter your name in a drawing for a \$50 gift card.

4. Traveling to Europe Next Year? Starting some time in 2025 (TBA), Europe bound American citizens must apply for an ETIAS travel authorization prior to entering 30 European countries. The authorization is good for 3 years or until your passport expires. It cost 7 Euros but is free for those over 70 or under 18 years of age.

5. Remember to Exercise and Exercise to Remember. According to Consumer Reports on Health (October 2024), research suggests that regular physical activity (everything from dancing to walking), can slow declines in thinking and memory. Exercise boosts the flow of blood, oxygen, and nutrients to the brain.
