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The Honorable Richard Neal
341 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Neal,

SERO was founded in 1978 as an advocacy and support organization for retired School Employees through the School Employees Retirement System. We support nearly 10,000 retirees who mostly reside in Ohio in their retirement. Our SERO Executive Board wishes to extend our appreciation for your introduction of the "Equal Treatment of Public Servants Act". We wholeheartedly approve and support this bill for changes to the current WEP provisions.

As retirees have continued to communicate to us, they feel they have been unfairly targeted by the reductions in the WEP. Many retirees claim that the contributions they have made during their work history have all but been diminished by the reductions under the current WEP calculations. It has been a constant complaint from the members "Why can't we just get the contributions that we made, like everyone else. It appears to us that this new bill will do just that.

Unfortunately, retirees learn the full effects of the reductions when they are unable to make changes, so at a time when these retirees expected to be fully retired many have taken on additional jobs to supplement this loss to their retirement incomes.

We know our retirees will be grateful to understand that this new legislation will give them the benefits they have earned and that they are no longer penalized for being a public servant. We look forward to working with you on this important legislation for our retirees.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sandra Lannen".

Sandra Lannen, President
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