



March 1, 2021

The Honorable Richard Neal
United States House of Representatives
House Committee on Ways and Means – 1102 Longworth House Office Building
Washington D.C. 20515

RE: Public Servant Protection and Fairness Act - Active Support

Dear Chairman Neal,

I write to you today on behalf of the Peace Officers Research Association of California (PORAC), representing 77,000 public safety members and 930 public safety associations. PORAC is very pleased to support the Public Servant Protection and Fairness Act (the “Act”) and we thank you for your sponsorship of the bill.

Your bill seeks to address a problem that has long plagued law enforcement officers and other public servants, the Social Security Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP). The WEP reduces the Social Security benefits of anyone receiving a pension from a “non-covered” job in which they did not pay Social Security taxes. Often, this means state and local jobs, including state and local law enforcement positions.

However, because peace officers tend to retire earlier than other employees and are more likely to begin a second, “covered,” career outside of the public safety profession, law enforcement officers are disproportionately affected by the WEP. These law enforcement officers deserve to receive the pension they earned through their service, and the Social Security benefits they spent years paying in to.

PORAC is committed to ensuring that its members, and all public employees, are treated fairly and equitably. Thus, PORAC supports the Public Servants Protection and Fairness Act. PORAC greatly appreciates your sponsorship of this vital legislation that will provide Social Security fairness for public sector workers across the United States. Again, thank you.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at PORAC Headquarters (916) 928-3777 or contact our legislative advocates at Steptoe & Johnson LLP (202) 429-6457.

Very Truly Yours,
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