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United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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Vice President

*Police Benevolent
Association of New York City*

Dear Representative:

CRAIG LALLY

Recording Secretary

*Los Angeles Police
Protective League*

On behalf of the National Association of Police Organizations (NAPO), representing over 241,000 sworn law enforcement officers across the country, I am writing to advise you of our strong support for H.R. 82, the Social Security Fairness Act, and thank you for cosponsoring this important bill that restores the retirement security of our nation's public servants. Now is the time to move the Social Security Fairness Act and we are calling on all cosponsors to sign the discharge petition filed by Representatives Graves and Spanberger once Congress is back in session.

SCOTT HOVSEPIAN

Treasurer

*Massachusetts Coalition
of Police*

As a cosponsor of H.R. 82, you understand the detrimental impact the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) and the Government Pension Offset (GPO) have on public servants' Social Security retirement benefits. For over 40 years, the GPO and WEP have been harming the retirement security of our nation's public safety officers simply because they chose a public service profession by taking away hard-earned and much needed benefits.

KEITH CURRY

Sergeant-at-Arms

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While initially meant as a "leveling" response, in recent years the GPO and WEP have been used to prolong the life of the Social Security Trust Fund on the backs of our nation's public servants, who are seeing cuts across the board to their hard-earned retirement benefits. By totally repealing both the GPO and WEP, the Social Security Fairness Act would preserve the retirement security of those who selflessly serve and protect our communities.

MARK YOUNG

Vice President,

Associate Members

*Detroit Police Lieutenants &
Sergeants Association*

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Parliamentarian

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Association*

H.R. 82 currently has 325 bipartisan cosponsors and the Senate companion, S. 597, has 62 cosponsors. The Social Security Fairness Act has the support necessary to pass Congress by a vast majority. It is time to put words into action and finally pass this vital legislation. We are counting on you as a cosponsor of H.R. 82 to sign the discharge petition filed by Representatives Graves and Spanberger and urge you to do so as soon as Congress returns to session in September.

WILLIAM J. JOHNSON, CAE

Executive Director and

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Thank you again for your support for the Social Security Fairness Act. If you have any questions, or if we can be of further assistance, please feel free to contact me at: (703) 549-0775.

Sincerely,

William J. Johnson, Esq.

Executive Director