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Society Advocacy Initiatives

Article I of the Society's Bylaws sets forth our mission statement: To preserve our shared FBI values, to support the welfare of our members through services, benefits, and career networking; to offer programs of fellowship, education, and service and history; and, to promote the FBI and law enforcement/national security communities. Advocacy is an important mechanism we rely on to achieve our mission. During the Society's Board of Directors meeting on February 15, 2022, the Board reaffirmed our commitment to advocacy issues which we have supported for many years. In addition, the Board committed to a new legislative initiative to support law enforcement.

Long-standing Society advocacy initiatives include monitoring the incarceration of convicted killers of Bureau Service Martyrs to ensure they serve their full prison terms. We treat each of these cases with the same level of urgency and prioritization. Executive Director Nancy Savage has consistently coordinated the Society's concerns and positions with FBI executive leadership. The January/February issue of *the Grapevine* provided an update regarding the five cases we actively monitor, which include:

- The retrial of Jose Echavarria for the murder of Service Martyr John L. Bailey
- Melvin Bay Guyon, murderer of Service Martyr Johnnie L. Oliver
- The killing of Service Martyr Barry Lee Bush and Motion for Compassionate Release by defendant Francisco Herrera-Genao
- The release of Christina Korbe, murderer of Service Martyr Samuel S. Hicks
- Leonard Peltier, murderer of Service Martyrs Jack R. Coler and Ronald A. Williams

Other long-standing Society advocacy initiatives include legislative matters that specifically benefit our members and law enforcement. Legislative matters the Society has advocated include:

- H.R. 82 and S. 1302, The Social Security Fairness Act
This proposed legislation would repeal the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) and the Government Pension Offset (GPO). WEP and GPO have denied and diminished government retirees' Social Security benefits.
- H.R. 2337, The Public Servants Protection and Fairness Act
This legislation would not repeal WEP, but would provide some relief for both current and future retirees.
- H.R. 304, The Equal COLA Act
This bill revises the formula used to calculate the COLA for annuities paid under FERS.
- H.R. 1210, The LEOSA Reform Act
The Law Enforcement Officer Safety Act (LEOSA) will allow qualified law enforcement officers, post-retirement, to extend their concealed carry privileges.

H.R. 82, S. 1302, and H.R. 2337 were outlined in the August 2021 issue of *the Grapevine*. A detailed article regarding LEOSA, written by H.R. 218 Subcommittee Chair Steven H. Surowitz, was featured in the December 2021 issue of *the Grapevine*.

As mentioned at the outset of this article, in addition to reaffirming the Society's commitment to ongoing advocacy initiatives, the Board voted to support a new legislative initiative. In early February 2022, I had a series of discussions with Nancy Savage regarding proposed legislation that would impose, in limited circumstances, Federal penalties on individuals who deliberately target local, State, or Federal law enforcement officers with violence. Considering the ongoing and escalating violence against law enforcement officers, this proposed legislation is timely and warranted. I firmly believe this is an important issue that the Society should rally to support. The Board of Directors concurred and voted to include this as an advocacy initiative.

The proposed legislation is H.R. 3079 and S. 774, the Protect and Serve Act of 2021. The proposed legislation would create enhanced federal penalties for anyone who targets law enforcement officers and purposefully harms them in the execution of a crime with a federal nexus. More details concerning the proposed legislation are included in the Advocacy section of this edition of *the Grapevine*.

Legislative advocacy requires perseverance. Even where there may be bipartisan support, legislation supporting government employees and law enforcement issues often takes years to pass. As stated above, I firmly believe that this legislation is important. It sends a message to those currently serving in law enforcement that we care about their safety and well-being. It would also make Society advocacy on behalf of our Service Martyrs less challenging. This is an issue I'll vigorously support throughout my Society Presidency and beyond.

Sincerely,



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February 15, 2022

The Honorable Merrick Garland
Attorney General of the United States
U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20530 -0001

Re: Leonard Peltier – Clemency Petition

Dear Attorney General Garland:

This letter expresses the staunch opposition of the members of the Society of Former Special Agents of the FBI to Leonard Peltier's latest plea for clemency. The Society of Former Special Agents of the FBI is a non-profit membership organization of current and former Special Agents of the FBI. The Society consists of approximately 8,500 members and has been in existence for more than 80 years.

We understand that Mr. Peltier has renewed his application for clemency and that a support group continues to actively advocate for his release from federal prison. We wholeheartedly believe his petition for clemency should be denied for numerous compelling reasons. Peltier was lawfully convicted of the murders of Agents Coler and Williams in federal court. The Court imposed consecutive life sentences. Since then, over a dozen appeals have been considered. None have altered Peltier's conviction and sentencing.

On June 26, 1975, FBI Agents Jack Coler and Ronald Williams were engaged in a fugitive search on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota. American Indian Movement members, including Peltier, caught Agents Coler and Williams in a crossfire while they walked through an open field. Peltier approached the critically wounded Agents and purposefully executed them at point-blank range. This was an outrageous example of the premeditated murder of federal law enforcement agents.

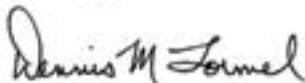
Over the years, Peltier has made many outrageous and self-incriminating public statements that strongly reinforce his unrepentant and remorseless guilt. Such declarations include: "And really, if necessary, I'd do it all over again because it was the right thing to do" (2010); and "I don't regret any of this for a minute" (2014). Further, Peltier has not been a model prisoner. In addition to numerous disciplinary actions, in 1978, he was involved in an armed escape from Lompoc Penitentiary, resulting in potentially lethal shots being fired at correctional officers. For this post-conviction violent criminal act, Peltier received an additional seven-year consecutive sentence.

The families, friends, and professional associates of Agents Coler and Williams continue to suffer from the loss of two fine young men who were brutally murdered in the line of duty. Peltier made a conscience decision to execute the two seriously wounded agents. There is no clemency for them or their families. In the current environment of violence against law enforcement officers, clemency for this cold-blooded murderer will send the wrong message for possible future acts of violence.

Clemency should be reserved for non-violent offenders who have proven they have been rehabilitated. In stark contrast, Peltier is a vicious repeat felon whose statements do not support any credible level of remorse for his crimes of extreme violence. His remarks are indicative of a continued lack of regret for his murderous acts on that infamous day. Peltier is once again seeking consideration and mercy but showed no compassion to Agents Coler and Williams. Peltier deserves no compassion in return for the executions he freely chose to commit.

This is not a situation of wrongful conviction or sentencing. Leonard Peltier has been afforded his rights and due process. Time and again, the weight of the evidence has supported his conviction and his life sentence. We respectfully urge you to reject Mr. Peltier's petition and recommend to the President that his application be denied. Thank you for your attention in this very crucial matter.

Sincerely yours,



Dennis M. Lormel

President

Contact Your Member

Let your members of Congress know what you think. Make sure to include the bill number in your communication.

U.S. House of Representatives

<https://www.house.gov/representatives>

Enter your zip code in the Search box at the top-right of the screen and click on the LOOK UP button. The page will redirect to your current Representative.

U.S. Senate

<https://www.senate.gov/senators/senators-contact.htm>

Enter your state from the drop-down list where it reads "Choose a State" and the page will automatically redirect to your state's current Senators.



By Executive Director Nancy Savage

The Board of Directors vote every year to approve and adopt a number of initiatives to be supported through advocacy efforts. These efforts are undertaken by staff members, the Board of Directors, Committee members, and Society members. The efforts can involve writing letters, emails, and telephone calls, as well as other tasks. In the last issue of *the Grapevine*, an overview was provided of Society efforts related to ensure that the murderers of our FBI Service Martyrs serve their full sentences. In this edition, we have included an overview of legislative initiatives to support law enforcement in the U.S., as well as several congressional bills that would greatly financially assist our members if passed. In the next edition, we will provide an overview of H.R. 218 – The LEOSA Act.

Our legislative advocacy can take years of enlisting co-sponsors and raising awareness in Congress of the need for a particular piece of legislation. Since the Congressional session only lasts for two years, there is a need for the legislation to be reintroduced at the start of each session. **We have a need for member action this month as there is a real possibility for action to be taken on issue of the Government Pension Offset (GPO) and the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) issues pertaining to Social Security.** We are asking our members – if they agree – to contact their members of Congress, both in the U.S. House of Representatives and in the U.S. Senate and either thank them for their support or ask them to co-sponsor the legislation. H.R. 82 – The Social Security Fairness Act is moving very positively through the House and gaining momentum. **Now is the time for member action.**

H.R.3079/S.774 - Protect and Serve Act of 2021

Summary: The bills establish a new federal criminal offense for knowingly assaulting a law enforcement officer and causing serious bodily injury (or attempting to do so) in circumstances that affect interstate commerce. It imposes criminal penalties – a prison term, a fine, or both – on a violator.

H.R.3079 Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security

Sponsor:

Rep. Rutherford, John H. [R-FL-4]

Co-sponsor	Date Co-sponsored	Co-sponsor	Date Co-sponsored
Rep. Gottheimer, Josh [D-NJ-5]*	05/11/2021	Rep. Reschenthaler, Guy [R-PA-14]	05/13/2021
Rep. Stauber, Pete [R-MN-8]	05/13/2021	Rep. Graves, Garret [R-LA-6]	05/13/2021
Rep. LaMalfa, Doug [R-CA-1]	05/13/2021	Rep. Foxx, Virginia [R-NC-5]	05/13/2021
Rep. Gooden, Lance [R-TX-5]	05/13/2021	Rep. Bilirakis, Gus M. [R-FL-12]	05/13/2021
Rep. Latta, Robert E. [R-OH-5]	05/13/2021	Rep. Stefanik, Elise M. [R-NY-21]	05/13/2021
Rep. Carl, Jerry L. [R-AL-1]	05/13/2021	Rep. Lamb, Conor [D-PA-17]	05/13/2021
Rep. Luetkemeyer, Blaine [R-MO-3]	05/13/2021	Rep. Allen, Rick W. [R-GA-12]	05/13/2021
Rep. Bucshon, Larry [R-IN-8]	05/13/2021	Rep. Wagner, Ann [R-MO-2]	05/13/2021
Rep. Amodei, Mark E. [R-NV-2]	05/13/2021	Rep. Fitzpatrick, Brian K. [R-PA-1]	05/17/2021
Rep. Meuser, Daniel [R-PA-9]	05/13/2021	Rep. McKinley, David B. [R-WV-1]	05/17/2021
Rep. Posey, Bill [R-FL-8]	05/13/2021	Rep. Garcia, Mike [R-CA-25]	05/17/2021
Rep. Wittman, Robert J. [R-VA-1]	05/13/2021	Rep. Duncan, Jeff [R-SC-3]	05/17/2021
Rep. McHenry, Patrick T. [R-NC-10]	05/13/2021	Rep. Harris, Andy [R-MD-1]	05/17/2021
Rep. Joyce, David P. [R-OH-14]	05/13/2021	Rep. Chabot, Steve [R-OH-1]	05/17/2021

Co-sponsor	Date Co-sponsored	Co-sponsor	Date Co-sponsored
Rep. Van Drew, Jefferson [R-NJ-2]	05/17/2021	Rep. LaHood, Darin [R-IL-18]	02/07/2022
Rep. McCaul, Michael T. [R-TX-10]	05/17/2021	Rep. Norman, Ralph [R-SC-5]	02/07/2022
Rep. Smith, Adrian [R-NE-3]	05/17/2021	Rep. Gimenez, Carlos A. [R-FL-26]	02/08/2022
Rep. Burgess, Michael C. [R-TX-26]	05/21/2021	Rep. Murphy, Stephanie N. [D-FL-7]	02/08/2022
Rep. Barr, Andy [R-KY-6]	05/21/2021	Rep. Miller-Meeks, Mariannette [R-IA-2]	02/09/2022
Rep. Taylor, Van [R-TX-3]	05/28/2021	Rep. Keller, Fred [R-PA-12]	02/15/2022
Rep. Lesko, Debbie [R-AZ-8]	06/22/2021	Rep. Guest, Michael [R-MS-3]	02/15/2022
Rep. Ruppersberger, C. A. Dutch [D-MD-2]	07/09/2021	Rep. Jacobs, Chris [R-NY-27]	02/28/2022
Rep. Golden, Jared F. [D-ME-2]	07/09/2021	Rep. Moolenaar, John R. [R-MI-4]	02/28/2022
Rep. Diaz-Balart, Mario [R-FL-25]	07/21/2021		
Rep. Letlow, Julia [R-LA-5]	08/27/2021		
Rep. Katko, John [R-NY-24]	08/27/2021		
Rep. Garbarino, Andrew R. [R-NY-2]	08/27/2021		
Rep. Zeldin, Lee M. [R-NY-1]	09/14/2021		
Rep. Kim, Andy [D-NJ-3]	09/23/2021		
Rep. Obernolte, Jay [R-CA-8]	09/23/2021		
Rep. Fischbach, Michelle [R-MN-7]	09/27/2021		
Rep. Hudson, Richard [R-NC-8]	10/12/2021		
Rep. Williams, Roger [R-TX-25]	10/20/2021		
Rep. Smith, Christopher H. [R-NJ-4]	10/20/2021		
Rep. Herrera Beutler, Jaime [R-WA-3]	11/16/2021		
Rep. Steil, Bryan [R-WI-1]	01/13/2022		
Rep. Banks, Jim [R-IN-3]	01/25/2022		
Rep. Pence, Greg [R-IN-6]	02/02/2022		
Rep. Kustoff, David [R-TN-8]	02/02/2022		
Rep. Guthrie, Brett [R-KY-2]	02/03/2022		
Rep. Mast, Brian J. [R-FL-18]	02/03/2022		
Rep. Carey, Mike [R-OH-15]	02/03/2022		
Rep. Gibbs, Bob [R-OH-7]	02/03/2022		
Rep. LaTurner, Jake [R-KS-2]	02/03/2022		
Rep. McMorris Rodgers, Cathy [R-WA-5]	02/07/2022		
Rep. Davis, Rodney [R-IL-13]	02/07/2022		

* - Original Co-sponsor



Representative Rutherford, also an original co-sponsor of the LEOSA Act Legislation (which will be featured next month in the Grapevine)

S.774 Status: Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Sponsor:

Sen. Tillis, Thomas [R-NC]

Co-sponsor	Date Co-sponsored	Co-sponsor	Date Co-sponsored
Sen. Portman, Rob [R-OH]*	03/16/2021	Sen. Cramer, Kevin [R-ND]*	03/16/2021
Sen. Inhofe, James M. [R-OK]*	03/16/2021	Sen. Wicker, Roger F. [R-MS]*	03/16/2021
Sen. Hawley, Josh [R-MO]*	03/16/2021	Sen. Cotton, Tom [R-AR]*	03/16/2021
Sen. Burr, Richard [R-NC]*	03/16/2021	Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]*	03/16/2021
Sen. Scott, Rick [R-FL]*	03/16/2021	Sen. Hoeven, John [R-ND]	03/22/2021
Sen. Boozman, John [R-AR]*	03/16/2021	Sen. Cornyn, John [R-TX]	03/24/2021
Sen. Braun, Mike [R-IN]*	03/16/2021	Sen. Graham, Lindsey [R-SC]	04/20/2021
Sen. Moran, Jerry [R-KS]*	03/16/2021	Sen. Tuberville, Tommy [R-AL]	05/10/2021
Sen. Capito, Shelley Moore [R-WV]*	03/16/2021	Sen. Ernst, Joni [R-IA]	05/12/2021
Sen. Daines, Steve [R-MT]*	03/16/2021	Sen. Hagerty, Bill [R-TN]	05/13/2021
Sen. Blackburn, Marsha [R-TN]*	03/16/2021	Sen. Blunt, Roy [R-MO]	05/25/2021
Sen. Thune, John [R-SD]*	03/16/2021		

* - Original Co-sponsor

Two Social Security Offset Bills

The two so-called evil twins — Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) and Government Pension Offset (GPO) — have denied hundreds of millions of dollars in Social Security benefits to many, if not most, government retirees under CSRS or to their surviving spouses. These two pieces of legislation have affected more than three million former feds, retired cops, firefighters, and school teachers. Both pieces of legislation were enacted in the 1970s by Congress. And, for decades, WEP and GPO have made monthly raids on the Social Security benefits of millions of retired civil servants from the state, local, and federal service. Someone subject to WEP can have up to \$498 per month taken from their Social Security benefit. Under the Offset rule, a surviving spouse (mostly widows) can lose their entire Social Security spousal benefit for life. This can really have an impact when the widow is suddenly subject to a reduced survivor annuity and then loses their spousal Social Security as well.

GPO

The Social Security Government Pension Offset (GPO) Law was enacted in 1977 to prevent government retirees from collecting both a government annuity based on their own work in non-Social Security covered employment and Social Security benefits based on their spouse's work record. This law provides that two-thirds of the government annuity offsets whatever Social Security would be payable to the retired government worker as a spouse (wife, husband, widow, widower). The GPO reduces by two-thirds the benefit received by surviving spouses who also collect a government pension.

WEP

The Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) reduces the Social Security benefits of local, state, and federal retirees who worked in Social Security-covered employment and also receive a government annuity from their non-Social Security covered government employment. It specifically covers the CSRS employees, who have not paid the 6.2% payroll tax toward Social Security and, thus, have not earned these benefits based on their federal work. When these CSRS employees retire, and then work in a private sector earning Social Security coverage, the formula used to calculate their Social Security payment is subject to a reduction that can result in a monthly benefit that is significantly lower than under the regular formula. It affects almost two million retirees.

It seems as if, from the time the two laws were initially passed, there has been legislation to either eliminate or reform them. This year is no exception with two different pieces of legislation aimed at providing relief once again.

Under the old Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS), workers paid into the federal retirement fund but not into Social Security. Many state and local government employees were also outside of Social Security. But they got government pensions/annuities (that were often more generous because of their contributions) than they would have under Social Security. But congressional watchdogs discovered that some of the government retirees were “gaming” the system by spending a full career in government and then working a few (5) years in the private sector, which also entitled them to Social Security.

There does appear to be a real opportunity this year to modify WEP and GPO due to the current make-up in Congress and the Biden Administration in power. Modification is more likely than repeal, but both pieces of legislation highlight the unfairness of these efforts.

Overview of Legislation GPO and WEP Legislation

GPO/WEP – H.R. 82 and S. 1302: The Social Security Fairness Act. Introduced by Representative Rodney Davis [R-IL-13] and Senator Sherrod Brown [D-OH], would finally repeal both the Government Pension Offset (GPO) and the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP). Basically, this would stop or diminish government retirees who also worked in the private sector from having their Social Security benefits reduced. The House bill currently has 195 Democratic co-sponsors and 67 Republican co-sponsors. It has been referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Social Security. The Senate Bill has 32 Democratic co-sponsors, four Republican co-sponsors, and two Independent co-sponsors. It has been referred to the Senate Finance Committee. **House leadership has called to bring the bill to a vote.**

List of Representatives who are current co-sponsors of H.R. 82

Co-sponsor	Date Co-sponsored	Co-sponsor	Date Co-sponsored
Rep. Spanberger, Abigail Davis [D-VA-7]*	01/04/2021	Rep. Eshoo, Anna G. [D-CA-18]*	01/04/2021
Rep. Graves, Garret [R-LA-6]*	01/04/2021	Rep. Joyce, David P. [R-OH-14]*	01/04/2021
Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]*	01/04/2021	Rep. Mullin, Markwayne [R-OK-2]*	01/04/2021
Rep. Gonzalez, Vicente [D-TX-15]*	01/04/2021	Rep. Brownley, Julia [D-CA-26]*	01/04/2021
Rep. Garamendi, John [D-CA-3]*	01/04/2021	Rep. Deutch, Theodore E. [D-FL-22]*	01/04/2021
Rep. Cicilline, David N. [D-RI-1]*	01/04/2021	Rep. Takano, Mark [D-CA-41]*	01/04/2021

Co-sponsor	Date Co-sponsored	Co-sponsor	Date Co-sponsored
Rep. Diaz-Balart, Mario [R-FL-25]*	01/04/2021	Rep. Kelly, Robin L. [D-IL-2]	02/25/2021
Rep. Watson Coleman, Bonnie [D-NJ-12]*	01/04/2021	Rep. Smith, Christopher H. [R-NJ-4]	02/25/2021
Rep. Ruiz, Raul [D-CA-36]*	01/04/2021	Rep. DelBene, Suzan K. [D-WA-1]	02/25/2021
Rep. Comer, James [R-KY-1]*	01/04/2021	Rep. Carbajal, Salud O. [D-CA-24]	02/25/2021
Rep. Gohmert, Louie [R-TX-1]*	01/04/2021	Rep. Blunt Rochester, Lisa [D-DE-At Large]	03/02/2021
Rep. Kinzinger, Adam [R-IL-16]	01/06/2021	Rep. Garcia, Jesus G. "Chuy" [D-IL-4]	03/02/2021
Rep. Price, David E. [D-NC-4]	01/06/2021	Rep. Espaillat, Adriano [D-NY-13]	03/02/2021
Rep. Burgess, Michael C. [R-TX-26]	01/06/2021	Rep. Clark, Katherine M. [D-MA-5]	03/02/2021
Rep. Stauber, Pete [R-MN-8]	01/13/2021	Rep. Johnson, Mike [R-LA-4]	03/02/2021
Rep. Cole, Tom [R-OK-4]	01/25/2021	Rep. Garcia, Mike [R-CA-25]	03/02/2021
Rep. Luria, Elaine G. [D-VA-2]	01/25/2021	Rep. Kilmer, Derek [D-WA-6]	03/02/2021
Rep. Sherrill, Mikie [D-NJ-11]	01/25/2021	Rep. Trahan, Lori [D-MA-3]	03/08/2021
Rep. Langevin, James R. [D-RI-2]	01/25/2021	Rep. Lee, Susie [D-NV-3]	03/08/2021
Rep. Fitzpatrick, Brian K. [R-PA-1]	01/25/2021	Rep. Pappas, Chris [D-NH-1]	03/08/2021
Rep. DeFazio, Peter A. [D-OR-4]	01/25/2021	Rep. Perlmutter, Ed [D-CO-7]	03/08/2021
Rep. Bost, Mike [R-IL-12]	01/25/2021	Rep. Katko, John [R-NY-24]	03/08/2021
Rep. Ryan, Tim [D-OH-13]	01/25/2021	Rep. Craig, Angie [D-MN-2]	03/09/2021
Rep. Beatty, Joyce [D-OH-3]	01/25/2021	Rep. Gallego, Ruben [D-AZ-7]	03/09/2021
Rep. Khanna, Ro [D-CA-17]	01/25/2021	Rep. Krishnamoorthi, Raja [D-IL-8]	03/09/2021
Rep. Massie, Thomas [R-KY-4]	01/25/2021	Rep. Valadao, David G. [R-CA-21]	03/16/2021
Rep. Hayes, Jahana [D-CT-5]	01/25/2021	Rep. Wittman, Robert J. [R-VA-1]	03/16/2021
Rep. Larsen, Rick [D-WA-2]	01/25/2021	Rep. Cuellar, Henry [D-TX-28]	03/16/2021
Rep. Hastings, Alcee L. [D-FL-20]	01/25/2021	Rep. Newman, Marie [D-IL-3]	03/16/2021
Rep. Taylor, Van [R-TX-3]	02/01/2021	Rep. Boyle, Brendan F. [D-PA-2]	03/16/2021
Rep. Yarmuth, John A. [D-KY-3]	02/01/2021	Rep. Moulton, Seth [D-MA-6]	03/16/2021
Rep. Gibbs, Bob [R-OH-7]	02/01/2021	Rep. Fallon, Pat [R-TX-4]	03/16/2021
Rep. Young, Don [R-AK-At Large]	02/01/2021	Rep. Schiff, Adam B. [D-CA-28]	03/16/2021
Rep. Feenstra, Randy [R-IA-4]	02/01/2021	Rep. Turner, Michael R. [R-OH-10]	03/16/2021
Rep. Lowenthal, Alan S. [D-CA-47]	02/01/2021	Rep. Emmer, Tom [R-MN-6]	03/16/2021
Rep. Grijalva, Raul M. [D-AZ-3]	02/01/2021	Rep. Cartwright, Matt [D-PA-8]	03/16/2021
Rep. Higgins, Clay [R-LA-3]	02/01/2021	Rep. Peters, Scott H. [D-CA-52]	03/16/2021
Rep. Pingree, Chellie [D-ME-1]	02/01/2021	Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	03/16/2021
Rep. Aguilar, Pete [D-CA-31]	02/01/2021	Rep. Brown, Anthony G. [D-MD-4]	03/16/2021
Rep. Sarbanes, John P. [D-MD-3]	02/03/2021	Rep. Connolly, Gerald E. [D-VA-11]	03/18/2021
Rep. Harder, Josh [D-CA-10]	02/03/2021	Rep. Jacobs, Sara [D-CA-53]	03/18/2021
Rep. Napolitano, Grace F. [D-CA-32]	02/04/2021	Rep. Lamb, Conor [D-PA-17]	03/18/2021
Del. San Nicolas, Michael F. Q. [D-GU-At Large]	02/04/2021	Rep. Lee, Barbara [D-CA-13]	04/01/2021
Rep. Suozzi, Thomas R. [D-NY-3]	02/05/2021	Rep. Correa, J. Luis [D-CA-46]	04/01/2021
Rep. Sires, Albio [D-NJ-8]	02/05/2021	Rep. Barr, Andy [R-KY-6]	04/01/2021
Rep. Meng, Grace [D-NY-6]	02/05/2021	Rep. Huffman, Jared [D-CA-2]	04/01/2021
Rep. Guthrie, Brett [R-KY-2]	02/08/2021	Rep. Delgado, Antonio [D-NY-19]	04/01/2021
Rep. Sherman, Brad [D-CA-30]	02/11/2021	Rep. Vela, Filemon [D-TX-34]	04/01/2021
Rep. Scalise, Steve [R-LA-1]	02/11/2021	Rep. Levin, Mike [D-CA-49]	04/01/2021
Rep. DeSaulnier, Mark [D-CA-11]	02/11/2021	Rep. Phillips, Dean [D-MN-3]	04/05/2021
Rep. Payne, Donald M., Jr. [D-NJ-10]	02/11/2021	Rep. Speier, Jackie [D-CA-14]	04/05/2021
Rep. Garbarino, Andrew R. [R-NY-2]	02/11/2021	Rep. Maloney, Sean Patrick [D-NY-18]	04/05/2021
Rep. Ruppertsberger, C. A. Dutch [D-MD-2]	02/18/2021	Rep. Obernolte, Jay [R-CA-8]	04/12/2021
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List of Representatives who are current co-sponsors of H.R. 2337

The list of co-sponsors for H.R. 2337 can be found at <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/2337>.

WEP – H.R. 2337: The Public Servants Protection and Fairness Act. Introduced by the Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, Richard Neal [D-MA-1], would provide some relief from the WEP for both current and future retirees. While the legislation does not fully repeal the WEP, it represents a significant improvement over the present formula for CSRS retirees. Current retirees would receive a \$150 monthly rebate. Future retirees would be eligible for a newer, fairer benefit formula. This bill currently has 187 Democratic co-sponsors and no Republican co-sponsors. It has been referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

H.R. 304 - The Equal COLA Act

On January 13, 2021, Congressman Gerald Connolly (D-VA) introduced H.R. 304, designated the Equal COLA Act, which would provide Federal Employees Retirement System (FERS) retirees with the same annual Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) as Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS) retirees. Currently, the FERS COLA adjustment matches the CSRS adjustment up to 2%. The FERS formula stops at 2% until the CSRS formula passes 3.1%, at which point the FERS adjustment would be 1% less than the CSRS. For example, if CSRS retirees received a 3.8% COLA, FERS retirees would receive a 2.8% adjustment. During the most recent adjustment, CSRS retirees received a 5.9% increase, but FERS retirees received 4.9%. This bill, if enacted, would remove a serious disparity in the retirement of FERS annuitants. This legislation has been referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Reform.

Status: Referred to the House.

Sponsor: Rep. Connolly, Gerald E. [D-VA-11]

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