

LETTER ABOUT GOVERNMENT PENSION OFFSETS
WEP AND GPO

Date _____

The Honorable _____

P. O. Box _____

_____, _____

Dear Representative _____:

I am a retired Louisiana state government employee, and I am writing to you about the federal Government Pension Offset (GPO) and the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP).

My own personal situation has caused my eligibility for any Social Security benefit to be reduced or completely eliminated for one of the following reasons:

My spouse is deceased and my ability to qualify for his/her benefits is reduced or eliminated;

Any benefit from the work I performed when I was covered under Social Security is now reduced or eliminated because I draw a state pension.

My Louisiana state pension is only \$_____ per month. Living on this amount of income in light of the status of the nation's economy and the significant increases retirees are paying for prescription drugs, health care insurance, gasoline, food and utilities is certainly a challenge.

Any change you could get the U. S. Congress to make in the Social Security law would help Louisiana state retirees so much. Please work for Social Security reform so that state retirees can receive a benefit for the work they performed and the contributions they have made.

Sincerely,
