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Stephanie Winkler
President
Kentucky Education Association
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Dear President Winkler,

I wanted to take an opportunity to update you on recent action I’ve taken in Congress to ensure Social Security benefits are available to public employees, including our educators.

As you are aware, certain public employees in Kentucky currently receive a reduced Social Security payment based on formulas known as the windfall elimination provision (WEP) and the government pension offset (GPO). I understand that this issue is of concern to many of your members and wanted to let you know that Congress is working towards ensuring public servants including Kentucky teachers receive the benefits they have earned when they retire. This is why I cosponsored H.R. 6933, the Equal Treatment of Public Servants Act of 2018. This legislation would terminate the Social Security’s Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) and replace it with a new benefit system that is based on actual work history. H.R. 6933 would guarantee that public employees who earn both a Social Security benefit and a pension from a Social Security substitute are treated fairly.

Please do not hesitate to contact my office with any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

BRETT GUTHRIE
Member of Congress