

Social Security Fairness Act Petition

We, the undersigned registered voters of California, want Congress to know that we are outraged that teachers and professional support staff in California and 14 other states have their Social Security benefits reduced or eliminated upon retirement. Federal law currently has two provisions that negatively impact our educators:

1. The Windfall: Reduces an educator's EARNED Social Security from previous employment.
2. The Offset: Basically eliminates an educator's Social Security benefits from a deceased spouse.

We, the undersigned, are deeply concerned that these provisions negatively affect California's ability to recruit second-career professionals into education and attract experienced teachers from the 36 non-offset states. With California needing to replace 20,000 to 25,000 teachers each year, we urge Congress to pass HR 82 by Congressmen Berman and McKeon and S 206 by Senators Feinstein and Collins.

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