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PORAC Celebrates Monumental Passage of the *Social Security Fairness Act* After Advocating for GPO/WEP Reform for Over 40 Years

Largest statewide association in the nation applauds historic advancement of legislation that will restore earned retirement benefits for peace officers and public servants after more than four decades

Sacramento, CA – The [Peace Officers Research Association of California](#) (PORAC), the largest statewide association in the nation, applauds the historic passage of the [Social Security Fairness Act \(H.R. 82\)](#) by the United States Senate. When signed into law, this critical legislation will finally repeal the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) and the Government Pension Offset (GPO), which have unjustly deprived peace officers and their families of earned Social Security benefits for over forty years.

“After decades of tireless advocacy, PORAC is thrilled to see the Social Security Fairness Act advance to the President's desk,” said **Brian R. Marvel, President of PORAC**. “I stand on the shoulders of the PORAC leaders that came before me who have advocated for over forty years to get this done. Peace officers and other public employees dedicate their lives to serving their communities, and it is only right that they receive the full retirement benefits they’ve earned. We are deeply grateful to the bill’s authors, the broad coalition of cosponsors, and our advocacy partners from across the country who have championed this cause on behalf of America’s hard-working public servants and their families.”

The Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) and the Government Pension Offset (GPO) have negatively impacted more than 3 million peace officers, teachers, firefighters, postal workers, and other public employees for over forty years – unfairly reducing or eliminating the Social Security benefits they have rightfully earned during their working years simply because they also receive a government pension.

Authored by Representatives Garrett Graves (R-LA) and Abigail Spanberger (D-VA) and Senators Sherrod Brown (D-OH) and Susan Collins (R-ME), H.R. 82 has significant bipartisan support, with 330 cosponsors in the House and 62 in the Senate. The bill passed the House of Representatives in November with overwhelming support and, following its Senate approval, now awaits the President’s signature to become law.

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About the Peace Officers Research Association of California:

The Peace Officers Research Association of California (PORAC) was incorporated in 1953 as a professional federation of local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies. PORAC represents over 83,000 public safety members and over 955 associations, making it the largest law enforcement organization in California and the largest statewide association in the nation.