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Please support AJR 3 urging Congress to eliminate the WEP and GPO. This is especially important to those of us in Nevada who have devoted a life to public service and then are being penalized because of it.

Allow me to give you three examples of the effects of those provisions:

#1 -- My own example. I am a retired teacher in Clark County married to a sheetmetal worker who now has his own shop. I am drawing \$2,551.14 per month from PERS. He has just applied for his Social Security. However, in the event that he should die, I would receive absolutely nothing (zero, zilch, nada) from all his years of paying into Social Security because of the offset. In effect I am being penalized for being in education rather than private industry. If I had worked in Penney's all those years, I'd get a widow's allowance. This is not conjecture; the SS agent worked out the figures.

#2 -- A friend of mine is continuing to teach beyond retirement age because she has a widow's allowance of approximately \$1000 which she can draw as long as she is not retired. When she does retire and her income is lower and she needs the money more, she can't draw the Social Security because of the offset.

#3 -- Another friend is continuing to work beyond retirement age in her support position for CCSD because she can draw her own Social Security as long as she is not retired. As soon as she retires from public service, she will no longer be able to draw the money she paid into Social Security because of the WEP. What a windfall! She has prepared meals for school children for all these years, so you know her retirement will not be munificent, but it will preclude her drawing her Social Security check.

These are just a few concrete examples of reasons your action is important to us.

Thank you,

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