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A.J.R. 3

Committee on Elections, Procedures, and Ethics

Mary Ella Holloway

I am Mary Ella Holloway, a middle school reading teacher, who is presently serving as the president of the Clark County Education Association.

I am one of the many teachers in Nevada who will be affected by the Windfall Elimination Provision. What an interesting concept – windfall.

My first social security job was with the Air Force after I graduated from high school. I earned 60 cents an hour. Over the course of the next fifteen years, I worked at several jobs, including the Navy, school districts in Maryland and Arkansas, and colleges in South Carolina and Georgia. I never earned more than \$8,000 a year, so my retirement benefits from Social Security will be small. But apparently, the federal government thinks I will be getting a windfall. When I retire, my social security benefits will be reduced by ^{nearly} two thirds! After paying into the social security system for fifteen years, I will receive around \$100 a month.

For all the teachers in Nevada who are facing the same reduction in social security benefits as I am, I urge you to support A.J.R. 3.

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