



## RETIRED STATE, COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION OF MASSACHUSETTS

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The Honorable Kevin Brady  
301 Cannon House Office Bld.  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Brady:

On behalf of our 62,000 members, we would like to express our wholehearted support for "The Equal Treatment for Public Servants Act" and advocate for its swift passage.

As you know, the Windfall Elimination Provision now impacts over 100,000 Massachusetts public retirees. In addition, over 90% of the Commonwealth's public workforce will be adversely affected by the WEP upon retirement.

This bill seeks to do what we have long advocated, simply to treat public retirees the same as all other retirees in the calculation of their Social Security benefit.

Due to the arbitrary nature of the current WEP formula, most public retirees have witnessed an unfair reduction in their Social Security benefit. This not only serves as a financial hardship to retirees, but also undermines the overall public trust in the Social Security System.

We would also like to take this time to thank you and your staff for the many years of hard work and dedication that you have afforded the WEP issue. Public retirees owe you a debt of gratitude for your role in keeping the WEP in the public eye, which has now resulted in the filing of "The Equal Treatment for Public Servants Act".

Thank you again for your ongoing efforts, as well as for allowing our Association to participate in the development of this landmark proposal. The fact that you welcomed our input speaks volumes about your commitment to finding a permanent solution to this national problem.

We look forward to working together to bring greater equity to the Social Security system.

Most Sincerely,

Frank Valeri  
President

Shawn Duhamel  
Legislative Liaison

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