

SERS BOARD MEETING
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WEP REPEAL BILL INTRODUCED IN U.S. HOUSE

(11/17/14) - On Nov. 13, 2014, U.S. Representatives from two non-Social Security states, Texas and Massachusetts, introduced legislation to repeal the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP). [Rep. Kevin Brady \(R-TX\)](#) and Rep. Richard Neal (D-MA) introduced H.R. 5697 which “provides equal treatment of Social Security benefits for teachers, police officers, firefighters, and other public servants who earn two pensions – one in Social Security and another in a substitute program like a state teachers retirement program.” The WEP affects SERS retirees who are, or will be, receiving a Social Security **benefit based on their own Social Security employment record.** Under the current legislation, their Social Security benefit was reduced depending on the number of years paid into Social Security.

H.R. 5697 eliminates the WEP, and allows Social Security benefits earned by public employees in non-Social Security states to be calculated just as other workers, based on their real-life contributions and work history.

After reviewing the text of the bill, **SERS was the first retirement system in the nation** to issue a [letter of support](#).

We urge all SERS members who have paid into Social Security, and retirees who are affected by the WEP, to contact their congressional representatives and ask them to co-sponsor the bill and support its passage. You can do this from the [Legislative Action Center](#) on the front page of the SERS website.