

GPO-WEP EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

NEA Government Relations Report of Lobbying Efforts around Social Security and Repeal of the Government Pension Offset (GPO) and Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP)

This past April, the Board of Directors and Retired Executive Council converged on Capitol Hill for NEA's first National Retirement Security Advocacy Day. They met with lawmakers to oppose Medicare vouchers and build support for the Social Security Fairness Act, which fully repeals the Government Pension Offset (GPO) and Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP). It was a successful day of lobbying and relationship-building with Congress, with our members speaking with several representatives and Congressional staffers.



In addition to our members' lobbying efforts on Capitol Hill, NEA sponsored a national call-in effort urging Congress to support the full GPO-WEP repeal bills (H.R.1205; S.915 - Social Security Fairness Act of 2017). Our robust call-in efforts were amplified by our coalition partners Social Security Works and the Alliance for Retired Americans.

This story was published on [NEA Today](#) and was also shared with members via NEA Today Express, our email newsletter that reaches approximately one million readers. This summer, it will be published as a three-page feature story in NEA Today-Retired magazine. Photos from the event are available on the NEA Public Relations [flickr page](#).



National Retirement Security Advocacy Day is part of our ongoing lobbying effort to raise our members' voices both in the media and on Capitol Hill.

In the future, Government Relations will continue to work with Congress and the current administration to save and strengthen Social Security and to repeal GPO-WEP.