



May 9, 2020

Dear RPEA Members,

Below is a letter from Senator Murkowski's office concerning her efforts to have the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP), and the Government Pension Offset repealed. Both of these significantly reduce social security pensions for those who paid into the SS system, and are deserving of the full SS pension they are entitled to. **The WEP and Government Pension Offset affect only those who receive a government pension.**

Those who want to express their opinion can write to Senator Lisa Murkowski, Senator Dan Sullivan and Representative Don Young.

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John,

My name is James Lundquist and I am a Legislative Correspondent assisting Senator Lisa Murkowski with correspondence related to health care.

Thank you for contacting Senator Murkowski regarding the Windfall Elimination Provision for AK state benefits. Senator Murkowski, along with her colleagues in the Senate, introduced S.521, the Social Security Fairness Act, in February of 2019. The Social Security Fairness Act repeals the outdated social security law provisions, including the Windfall Elimination Provision and the Government Pension Offset. Senator Murkowski believes these provisions have negatively affected Alaskan workers for far too long, so she is proud to support this bill, and hopes to vote on it during the 116<sup>th</sup> Congress.

I have passed your message on to the Senator and the rest of our health care team, and we will keep your thoughts in mind while Senator Murkowski works on the next steps of the federal response to COVID-19.

I want to acknowledge that this response is coming during a very challenging time for Alaskans and the country, and I hope that you and your loved ones stay safe during these unprecedented times. Should any issues arise for you, please do not hesitate to reach out to our office.

Best,

**James Lundquist**

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