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The Honorable Richard J. Durbin
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Durbin,

I am writing on behalf of the members of the Fraternal Order of Police to thank you for cosponsoring S. 597, the "Social Security Fairness Act." This legislation is a top priority of the FOP.

The bill was reintroduced in this Congress by Senators Sherrod C. Brown (D-OH) and Susan M. Collins (R-ME). This bipartisan legislation has the support of more than 320 Members of the House and 57 Members of the Senate, making it one of the most widely supported bills in Congress. The legislation would repeal the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) and Government Pension Offset (GPO) in current Social Security law, two provisions of the Social Security Act that unfairly reduce or eliminate the Social Security benefits for millions of Americans who have devoted much of their careers to public service.

The "Social Security Fairness Act" is about fairness to public employees who served their communities. When these public employees earn a Social Security benefit through other work, they should receive that benefit in full without being penalized because of their public service. A majority of the Senate shares this view, and we believe this bill has earned the right to be debated on the Senate floor. With your help, we are now one step closer to making this a reality.

On behalf of the more than 373,000 members of the Fraternal Order of Police, I thank you for cosponsoring this bill. We look forward to working together to get this bill passed into law. If I can be of any help, please do not hesitate to contact me or Executive Director Jim Pasco in our Washington, D.C. office.

Sincerely,

Patrick Yoes
National President

cc: *Chris Southwood, President, Illinois State Lodge*
cc: *Rocky Nowaczyk, National Trustee, Illinois State Lodge*