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The Honorable Alex Padilla United States Senate 112 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510

December 16, 2024

Subject: H.R. 82, the "Social Security Fairness Act of 2023"

Dear Senator Padilla,

On behalf of the California Public Employees' Retirement System, I write to express support for H.R. 82, which repeals the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) and Government Pension Offset (GPO) from the Social Security Act.

As the nation's largest public pension fund, we serve more than 2 million state, school and local government members who invest their lifework in public service. In our leadership role, we have long advocated for retirement security for America's workers and for the value of defined benefit plans, retirement savings accounts, and Social Security. Eliminating WEP and GPO improves the retirement security for the hundreds of thousands of those safety and local government members whose pension benefits are not coordinated with Social Security.

Thank you for considering our views. We look forward to working with Congress on initiatives that will advance retirement savings and security for all employees and ensure the long-term sustainability of public funds and Social Security. Please do not hesitate to contact me directly at (916) 795-3829, or your staff can contact Danny Brown, Chief of our Legislative Affairs Division, at (916) 882-5813, if you have any questions or wish to discuss in more detail.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Adam B. Schiff United States Senate B40B Dirksen Senate Office Building Washington DC 20510

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Dear Senator Schiff,

On behalf of the California Public Employees' Retirement System, I write to thank you for your co-sponsorship of H.R. 82, the "Social Security Fairness Act of 2023," and ask for your continued support if it comes up for a vote on the Senate Floor. H.R.82 repeals the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) and Government Pension Offset (GPO) from the Social Security Act.

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