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The Honorable William Clay Jr.
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Re: THE SOCIAL SECURITY FAIRNESS ACT

Dear Representative Clay Jr.

I am a resident of Missouri and a member of the Polish American Community in St. Louis.

As a constituent, I urge you to support the legislation (H.R. 141, 116 Congress – with 153 Cosponsor as of today) to repeal the Government Pension Offset and Windfall Elimination Provision.

These offsets unfairly cut Social Security retirement benefits (up to 50% of non-Social Security pension) for the workers who have also the retirement pension from the sources not covered by the Social Security. Unfortunately, this affects a wide range of the government workers and legal immigrants. The first-generation of immigrants usually have a small retirement pension from their native country. Also, they often have a very modest Social Security benefit for the low paying work covered by the Social Security in USA. In most of the cases their combined retirement income from both countries is less than the poverty threshold. By any means, their foreign pension is not a WINDFALL.

I am aware that Congress has heard from thousands of public employees about this issue, but nothing has been done. The legal immigrants, before they came to the United States, did not have an option to work on jobs covered by the Social Security in their native country, therefore penalizing them by cutting down their Social Security benefit is discriminatory and unjust.

Best regards,

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