



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL
April 26, 1999

VICE MAYOR GALLUCCIO
COUNCILLOR BORN
COUNCILLOR DAVIS
MAYOR DUEHAY
COUNCILLOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR RUSSELL
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY
COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU

- WHEREAS:** Congress created the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) to prevent government workers from getting a "windfall" from the Social Security computation formula that gives low income workers a higher replacement rate of pre-retirement earnings. Social Security replaces 56% of low-income workers pre-retirement earnings while only replacing 28% of the high-income workers; and
- WHEREAS:** It is often said that WEP was targeting high-income government workers but ignoring those workers most effected by WEP mainly women in lower paying jobs with shorter careers and other short career or part-time government employees. These workers received a low annuity for their work and then are penalized by reducing their social security by more than 50%; and
- WHEREAS:** Representative Barney Frank recently stated "I continue to be concerned about the unfair treatment of lower paid government employees who have previously worked in the private sector and paid into Social Security;" now therefore be it
- RESOLVED:** That the City Council go on record in support of H.R. 860 filed by Barney Frank which would increase Social Security benefits to 93% for those retirees affected by WEP and H.R. 742 filed by Representative Sandlin of Texas which would fully repeal WEP because as Sandlin stated "These public servants after a lifetime of educating our youth and working for taxpayers find their reward is a significant reduction in Social Security Benefits."

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury

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City Clerk

Via Mayor Galluccio (6)

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Consent Order #6

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Vice Mayor Galluccio re: support
H.R. 869, whci would increase Social
Security benefits for those retirees,
affected by Windfall Elimination
Provision and H.R. 742, which would
repeal the WEP.

In City Council April 26, 1999

ORDER ADOPTED