

**At our National Convention, Legislative Director Paul Swartz and National PAC Chair Natasha Patterson told us that we needed to write, write, write. It is important that our Senators and Member of Congress hear from us. Most of these bills have prewritten letters either on the NC or National websites or both. Copy those letters, add a personal story about how the bill will affect you and send them. That is how we will get these bills passed,**

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**HR 4268, the Federal Retirement Fairness Act** or better known around here as the **Retirement Buy-Back Bill**

89 Cosponsors currently, we need 218 cosponsors as an absolute minimum.

**NC Cosponsors are:**

Deborah Ross, (D-NC-2) and

Kathy Manning (D-NC-6).

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**This bill (HR 82) could come to a vote on the House Floor at almost any time. While this bill may not affect many of us, it is a big deal to those that it will affect. If you are married to another Federal worker or if you or your spouse has already retired from a state or local government job, the passage of this bill could make a big difference in you and your spouse's income after retirement or the passing of one of you.**

**HR 82, the Social Security Fairness Act.** This bill repeals provisions that reduce Social Security benefits for individuals who receive other benefits, such as a pension from a state or local government.

The bill eliminates the *government pension offset*, which in various instances reduces Social Security survivors' benefits for spouses, widows, and widowers who also receive government pensions of their own.

The bill also eliminates the *windfall elimination provision*, which in some instances reduces Social Security benefits for individuals who also receive a pension or disability benefit from an employer that did not withhold Social Security taxes.

There are 303 Cosponsors on this bill and it is expected to be voted on soon.

**NC Cosponsors are:**

David Price (D-NC-4)

Kathy Manning (D-NC-6)

Alma Adams (D-NC-12)

Deborah Ross (D-NC-2)

G K Butterfield (D-NC-1)

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**HR 3287, the United States Postal Service Shipping Equity Act**

This bill authorizes the mailing of alcoholic beverages by certain entities in accordance with the delivery requirements otherwise applicable to a privately carried shipment. The authorization applies to an entity (including a winery, brewery, beverage distilled spirits plant, or other wholesaler, distributor, importer, or retailer of alcoholic beverages) that has registered with, obtained a permit from, or obtained approval of an application from the Department of the Treasury.

47 Cosponsors

**NC Cosponsor is:**

Kathy Manning (D-NC-6)

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