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Hello Members,

I need your help. The last election leaves us in the position of having to convince new Congressional lawmakers to support bills that will correct injustices that federal active and retired employees have dealt with for years. We must work together to convince our new political leaders that we should be treated fairly.

Let's begin with the Social Security Fairness Act of 2023, (referred to in the House of Representatives as HR 82, and in the Senate as S 1302), that would fully repeal the Windfall Elimination Provision and the Government Pension Offset. Before the election in 2022, we had the co-sponsors and it should have been a done deal, but it wasn't. Now we must double our efforts and work with our allies in the 118th Congress to push this legislation through again. We must compel our Senators to reintroduce this legislation in the Senate. and we must make things better for our families. We must use our voices to make them focus on what we need, rather than their petty squabbles. We need them to work for us, not against us. We need Congress to focus.

I have already emailed a letter to the new lawmakers explaining our concerns and requesting to meet with them. Here is where I need your help. WE NEED BOOTS ON THE GROUND ! In other words, I need those of you who live in the districts of these new legislators to meet with them and tell them your story. It's hard to vote against a bill, when you can see the face of someone who is directly affected by your decision. We must band together to put NARFE objectives before our politicians.

Marsha Padilla-Goad, Director of Grassroots, Advocacy Department at the National office is working tirelessly to lobby on our behalf. I volunteered to be the Florida Legislative Lead to help shine a light on the needs of federal employees, but we need more people.

NOW WE NEED YOU!

We all have a lot of things happening in our everyday lives, but no one is going to fight for you better than you can. If you want to be a Congressional District Leader, let your Chapter President know and then by all means call me with the good news. Maybe you don't have a lot of time, but you would love to sit in on a meeting with your Congressperson and tell them what you want and need. No problem, I'll take whatever time you can give. The Bible says, "we have not, because we ask not." Well, I don't have that problem because I'm asking you right now. I'm asking you to volunteer to help yourself. Prices are going up, interest rates are rising, and ending WEP and GPO will increase your income substantially.

Below is a list of the new lawmakers and their Staff Directors. If they represent you, call your Chapter President, call your DVP, or call me. My contact information is listed at the end of this letter. Remember, there will be another election in 2024, and it will be here before we know it. Let's get these bills passed in 2023, so we can move on and change our lives for the better.

Please review the list below and let's get busy. Congressman Moskowitz has already answered and is eager to meet with his constituents. Remember, you can call me anytime and thank you in advance.

1. Lawmaker : Aaron Bean (R-FL-04)
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2. Lawmaker: Representative Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick (D- FL- 20)
Staff Name : Nadege LeBlanc
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3. Lawmaker: Representative Maxwell Frost (D-FL-10)

Staff Name : Yuri Beckelman

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4. Lawmaker: Representative Laurel Lee (R-FL-15)

Staff Name : Kevin Riley

Title : Transition Aide/Chief of Staff

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5. Lawmaker: Representative Anna Luna (R -FL-13)

Staff Name : Steve Koncar

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6. Lawmaker: Representative Cory Mills (R -FL-07)

Staff Name : Catherine Treadwell

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7. Lawmaker: Representative Jared Moskowitz(D-FL-23)

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In Solidarity,

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