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Happy New Year from the Retirement office!

It is with great pleasure that I announce President Biden has signed the Social Security Fairness Act today, January 5, 2025.

The act repeals provisions that limit the ability of some retirees who also collect pensions from claiming Social Security benefits. Among those impacted are retirees who at one time worked as firefighters, teachers, postal workers, police officers, or in other public sector jobs. A provision that limits the benefits allotted to those workers' surviving spouses is also eliminated.

The bill was passed in the Senate in December after passing the House in November with overwhelming bipartisan support.

Ahead of the bill signing on Sunday, a White House official called Biden "the first President in more than twenty years to expand Social Security benefits."

The bill he has signed today, January 5, 2025, will expand benefits by hundreds of dollars per month for more than 2.5 million Americans.

We owe a big thank you to all the men and women who have tirelessly worked to get this Act passed. It has been years in the making. This will benefit us all greatly.

If you have already retired and are affected by the Government Pension Offset or Windfall Elimination Provision there is nothing you need to do at this time, the Social Security office will contact you. Please make sure you have your current mailing address updated on your mysocialsecurity online account.

If you have any questions regarding the new Social Security Fairness Act and how it will impact you, you may reach out to Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 between 8a.m and 7p.m. Monday through Friday.

Best Regards,

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