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June 20, 2016

The Honorable Kevin Brady
301 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

RE: Equal Treatment of Public Servants Act, HR711

Dear Mr. Brady,

On behalf of the 10,000 members of the Boston Teachers Union (BTU), thank you and Representative Neal for co-sponsoring the Equal Treatment of Public Servants Act, HR711. Our Union strongly supports this important legislation.

Year after year, the BTU members who have paid into Social Security during their careers contact us about how they are negatively impacted since the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) Act passed in 1983. This has, and continues to be, front and center on our legislative agenda.

The BTU supports your continued efforts specific to HR711, knowing it will secure that our members consisting of teachers, related service providers, retirees, as well as many other public servants throughout the Country, receive their earned Social Security benefits. It is important that the WEP formula be updated and that all public employees be treated equitably.

Again, thank you for all your efforts. The BTU is working with Mass Retirees and look forward to working with you, and your legislative representatives, to assist however we can to ensure that HR711 is passed.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Richard Stutman', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Richard Stutman
President