



# Washington State Federation National Legislative Chairman Report September 30, 2020

## **Activities:**

Since the July 9, 2020, WSF EB meeting, I attended several Zoom meetings with Rep. Rick Larsen, (WA-02) talking about COVID-19 and pending legislation such as the Heroes Act which passed the House but not the Senate. I also attended a zoom meeting with Representative Kim Schrier and asked her to cosponsor HR-141, the Social Security Fairness Act (repeal of GPO/WEP, which she has done last week. NARFE HQ has launched a HR-141 campaign to get 290 cosponsors, at which time an automatic vote will occur on the floor of the House. We still need Rep. Herrera-Beutler, Newhouse, McMorris Rogers, Smith and Heck to cosponsor HR-141. If you are a constituent of one of these, please ask them to cosponsor HR-141. I have been receiving email news for each of our 10 Congressional Districts. These are very informative on what is going on with their Congressional District. I have not received any email news from Senator Murray and Senator Cantwell. I encourage all Washington State Federation members to sign up for these free email messages from your U.S. Representative and our Senators so you can stay informed as to what is happening in your Congressional District, Washington State and in Washington, D.C.

I worked with Chapter 131 Vancouver leadership to ask NARFE PAC to distribute funds to the Carolyn Long campaign running against Representative Jaime Herrera-Beutler. The Carolyn Long campaign has completed the required candidate questionnaire and we are awaiting the NARFE PAC boards decision.

## **Upcoming:**

Even though Congress is in limited sessions I encourage you to use the Legislative Action Center to send an email to our Representatives and Senators concerning NARFE's priority issues. Some progress is being made legislatively in the House but very very slow in the Senate. It is important that our elected officials hear from us even during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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