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NAFV CALL TO ACTION!

Rep. Scott Rigell, R-Va., has introduced legislation that would

restore 75 percent of the sequester spending cuts

to defense and non-defense budgets with proposed savings and revenue elsewhere, including an increase in the amount of pay that **federal employees hired before 2014** have to contribute to their pensions.

Specifically, Rigell's bill would apply the higher retirement contribution rates that federal employees hired in 2014 or later have to pay now to all federal workers under the Federal Employees Retirement System.

For many federal employees who currently contribute 0.8 percent, that would be a **3.6 percentage point increase** per paycheck.

The 2013 Bipartisan Budget Act, crafted by Rep. Paul Ryan, R-Wis., and Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash., required feds hired in 2014 and beyond to **contribute 4.4 percent** of their salaries to their pensions in FERS.

Workers hired after 2012 contribute 3.1 percent, and all others pay just 0.8 percent right now. The Ryan-Murray budget deal partially repealed the government wide automatic spending cuts until fiscal 2016 by substituting other cuts, known as "pay-fors" in congressional parlance, including requiring new federal workers to contribute more to their retirement benefits.

Rigell's plan would apply the 4.4 percent contribution rate to all feds in FERS not currently paying it. The Virginia Republican estimated that doing that would save \$20 billion.

NAFV is suggesting members contact their congressperson asking them to oppose this bill.

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