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July 24, 2014

The Honorable Ron Wyden, Chairman
Finance Committee
United States Senate
221 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-3703

Subject: **Pass S. 1935, Diabetic Testing Supply Access Act**

Dear Chairman Wyden:

On behalf of the more than 2 million retirees and future retirees represented by the National Retiree Legislative Network (NRLN), I am writing to request that you apply your leadership of the Senate Finance Committee to pass **S. 1935**, Diabetic Testing Supply Access Act, that was introduced by Senator John Thune on January 16, 2014 and assigned to the Finance Committee

When enacted, **S. 1935** would deny the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) authority to restrict or eliminate a Medicare beneficiary's option of electing, regardless of delivery method (except by mail), to have diabetic testing supplies delivered to him or her by retail community pharmacies. This includes pharmacies that contract with a long-term care facility, assisted living facility, group home, or other type of residential setting recognized by the state.

Easy access to diabetic testing supplies is essential to the health of seniors on Medicare. Since it has been more than 6 months that **S. 1935** has been in your committee it is certainly time for your committee to pass the bill. I hope to learn from you that the Finance Committee has passed **S. 1935** and you will work for its passage by the Senate.

Sincerely,

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Senator John Thune