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May 20, 2015

The Honorable Fred Upton, Chairman  
Energy and Commerce Committee  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2183 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515-2206

Dear Chairman Upton:

On behalf of the more than 2 million retirees represented by the National Retiree Legislative Network (NRLN), I urge you to bring to a vote in your committee **H.R. 1342, the Home Health Care Planning Improvement Act of 2015.**

The NRLN believes that Medicare beneficiaries should have access to home health care by allowing physician assistants, nurse practitioners, clinical nurse specialists, and certified nurse midwives to order home health services. These professional men and women play increasingly important roles in the delivery of health care, particularly in rural and underserved areas of our nation.

Passage of the Home Health Care Planning Improvement Act would remove the needless delays in getting Medicare patients the home health care they need simply because a physician is not available to sign the form required by law.

If you or your staff have questions about why passage of H.R. 1342 is important to NRLN members, please contact me or Marta Bascom, the NRLN's Executive Director in Washington, DC at 703-863-9611 or [executivedirector@nrln.org](mailto:executivedirector@nrln.org).

The NRLN's full Legislative Agenda and detailed whitepapers can be found at [www.nrln.org](http://www.nrln.org). Your consideration on these issues would also be appreciated.

Sincerely,

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