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June 1, 2015

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

Dear Senator Wyden:

On behalf of the more than 2 million retirees represented by the National Retiree Legislative Network (NRLN), I urge you to support bringing to a vote in your committee **S. 857, the Health Outcomes, Planning, and Education (HOPE) For Alzheimer's Act of 2015.**

The NRLN believes that Medicare should provide coverage for a care planning session for patients newly-diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease, family caregivers or legal representatives.

Upon receiving an Alzheimer's diagnosis, patients and their families are frequently at a loss for how to effectively plan for the next stage of their lives. While Medicare currently covers a diagnostic evaluation for beneficiaries, the program then offers little support in terms of next steps. The NRLN believes it is vital that patients and caregivers have an individualized plan to cope, information on available resources and become prepared for the future.

If you or your staff have questions about why passage of S. 857 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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