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March 13, 2015

The Honorable Benjamin L. Cardin  
United States Senate  
509 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510-2004

Dear Senator Cardin:

On behalf of the more than 2 million retirees represented by the National Retiree Legislative Network (NRLN), I want to thank you for being one of two Senators who introduced S.148, the Medicare DMEPOS Competitive Bidding Improvements Act of 2015.

The NRLN appreciates that the joint legislation would protect seniors and those who rely on durable medical equipment, prosthetic and orthotic devices, and supplies from predatory business practices. The bill needs to be enacted to ensure a fair competitive bidding program by disallowing intentional low-ball bidding for Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) contracts.

If the NRLN can help gain the passage of S. 148, 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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