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August 12, 2015

The Honorable Earl Blumenauer
U.S. House of Representatives
1111 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515-3703

Dear Representative Blumenauer:

On behalf of the more than 2 million retirees represented by the National Retiree Legislative Network (NRLN), I want to thank you for introducing **H.R. 3243**, the **Program of All-Inclusive Care for Elderly (PACE) Innovation Act of 2015**. We were pleased to see that the Senate passed the companion bill, **S. 1362**, on August 5, 2015.

H.R. 3243 is important to retirees because it will allow the Department of Health and Human Services to conduct pilot programs to enable more seniors with chronic conditions to participate.

As you know, the pilot programs will coordinate health and long-term services and supports for individuals 55 or older who qualify for nursing home care. These individuals have been diagnosed with a complex mix of chronic illnesses and functional or cognitive impairments, such as dementia, that inhibit their ability to live independently. For most participants, the comprehensive service package will enable them to remain in the community rather than receive care in a nursing home. Financing for the program is capped, which allows providers to deliver all services participants need rather than only those reimbursable under Medicare and Medicaid fee-for-service plans.

I have sent letters to the chairmen and ranking members of the Ways and Means and Energy and Commerce Committees urging them to call for a vote on **H.R. 3243**. If the NRLN can help gain the passage of **H.R. 3243**, please contact me or Marta Bascom, the NRLN's Executive Director in Washington, DC at 703-863-9611 or executivedirector@nrln.org.

The NRLN's full Legislative Agenda and detailed whitepapers can be found at www.nrln.org. Your consideration on these issues would also be appreciated.

Sincerely,

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