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December 11, 2015

The Honorable Diane Titus  
U.S. House of Representatives  
401 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515-2801

Dear Representative Titus:

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. 3696, the Medicare Premium Fairness Act of 2015.

The NRLN agrees with you that Medicare beneficiaries and states should be protected from a sharp rise in Part B premiums and deductibles in 2016.

Since there will not be a Social Security Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) in 2016, without passage of your bill 30 percent of Medicare beneficiaries (15 million Americans) will encounter a 52 percent increase in monthly premiums because they are excluded from the rarely-used “hold-harmless” policy.

We support H.R. 3696 because it will hold 2016 premiums constant for the 30 percent group at the 2015 level (\$104.90) and maintain the deductible for all beneficiaries at \$147 (the 2015 threshold). Without the protection provided by your bill premiums will increase to more than \$150 per month and the deductible would jump to \$223 per month.

If the NRLN can help gain the passage of H.R. 3696, 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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