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June 18, 2015

The Honorable Thad Cochran
United States Senate
113 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-2402

Dear Senator Cochran:

On behalf of the more than 2 million retirees represented by the National Retiree Legislative Network (NRLN), I want to thank you for introducing **S. 1013 – Ensuring Access to Quality Complex Rehabilitation Technology Act of 2015**.

The NRLN believes as you do that patients with disabilities or severe medical conditions need to have access to highly specialized medical equipment. **S. 1013** would rightly establish a distinct Medicare benefit category for complex rehabilitation technology products (CRT), such as specialized power wheelchairs and adaptive seating systems.

We look forward to the passage of **S. 1013** in order to remove barriers to receiving CRT products so people with severe disabilities and other medical conditions can lead a more independent life.

I have also sent letters to Representative James Sensenbrenner and Representative Joe Crowley to thank them for reintroducing **H.R. 1516**, the companion bill in the U.S. House.

If the NRLN can help gain the passage of **S. 1013**, 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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