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December 10, 2015

The Honorable Chuck Grassley
United States Senate
135 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-3744

Dear Senator Grassley:

On behalf of the more than 2 million retirees represented by the National Retiree Legislative Network (NRLN), I want to thank you for your efforts to crack down on anti-competitive “pay-for-delay” pharmaceutical deals by introducing S.2019, the Preserve Access to Affordable Generics.

You and Senator Klobuchar are to be commended for recognizing the need to increase consumers’ access to the cost-saving generic drugs they need by helping put an end to the practice of brand-name drug manufacturers using pay-off agreements to keep more affordable generic equivalents off the market.

As you may be aware, Senator David Vitter introduced S. 131, the FAIR Generics Act, in January 2015, that also would lower the price of prescription drugs and make high-quality, lower-priced generic prescription medications available to consumers sooner by stopping the practice of “pay for delay”. The NRLN hopes you will join ranks with Senator Vitter and other Senators to get a bill to the floor of the Senate for a vote and passed.

Seniors on fixed incomes especially need access to lower priced generic medicines because many are choosing between paying for food and other necessities, or purchasing their prescriptions. Many stretch their drug supply by cutting their prescribed dose or worse, simply going without.

If the NRLN can help gain the passage of S. 2019, 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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