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July 30, 2015

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley
United States Senate
135 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-1501

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 introducing, **S. 607, the Rural Community Hospital Demonstration Extension Act of 2015.**

The NRLN believes as you do that it is important to extend the Rural Community Hospital Demonstration Program (RCH) for five years. Many retirees depend on this program created by Congress to provide increased Medicare reimbursements for select hospitals that are too large to be considered Critical Access Hospitals, but too small to be supported by traditionally low Medicare margins on inpatient services.

We are pleased that the Senate Finance Committee passed **S. 607** on June 24, 2015. If the NRLN can help gain the passage of **S. 607** by the entire Senate, 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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