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May 20, 2015

The Honorable Susan M. Collins  
United States Senate  
413 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510-1904

Dear Senator Collins:

On behalf of the more than 2 million retirees represented by the National Retiree Legislative Network (NRLN), I want to thank you for introducing, along with Senator Charles Schumer, S. 578, the Home Health Care Planning Improvement Act of 2015.

The NRLN believes as you do that Medicare beneficiaries should have access to home health care by allowing physician assistants, nurse practitioners, clinical nurse specialists, and certified nurse midwives to order home health services. These professional men and women play increasingly important roles in the delivery of health care, particularly in rural and underserved areas of our nation.

I have sent a letter to Representative Greg Walden thanking him for introducing H.R. 1342, the companion bill. If the NRLN can help gain the passage of S. 578, 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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