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October 30, 2015

The Honorable Paul Ryan
Speaker of the House of Representatives
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Speaker:

On behalf of the more than 2 million retirees represented by the National Retiree Legislative Network (NRLN), I want to congratulate you on your election as Speaker of the House. I also commend you on your outstanding acceptance speech. We extend to you our best wishes for success in leading the U.S. House of Representatives.

The NRLN appreciates your time and the time of your staff that has been shared with the NRLN. Ten days ago Bob Wencek, an NRLN member from New Berlin, WI, and I met with your Legislative Assistant, Will Miller. In February 2013 you personally met with Bill Simmons, an NRLN member in your home town of Janesville, and me.

In both of these meetings we advocated the re-importation and importation of safe, lower cost of prescription drugs and Medicare Part D competitive bidding. NRLN members are hopeful that the House will pass H.R. 2228 the Safe and Affordable Drugs from Canada Act that has been in the House Committee on Energy and Commerce's Subcommittee on Health since it was introduced on May 8, 2015 by Representatives Chellie Pingree (ME-01) and Dana Rohrabacher (CA-48).

Prescription drug importation and true competitive bidding for Medicare D drugs are both justified and long overdue. Our economy suffers from lack of purchasing power sucked up by pharmaceutical industry pricing and the obvious appearance that Congress is protecting an industry has tainted the reputation of lawmakers.

If the NRLN can ever provide you or your staff with insights into concerns of retirees, please contact me or Marta Bascom, the NRLN's Executive Director in Washington, DC at 703-863-9611 or executivedirector@nrln.org.

Sincerely,

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