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July 10, 2017

The Honorable Orrin Hatch, Chairman  
Committee on Finance  
United States Senate  
104 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510-4402

Dear Chairman Hatch:

On behalf of the more than 2 million retirees represented by the National Retiree Legislative Network (NRLN), I urge you to call for a vote in the Senate Finance Committee on **S. 284, End Surprise Billing Act of 2017.**

The NRLN supports passage of **S. 284** because it would work to prevent millions of Americans from receiving surprise medical bills by protecting individuals experiencing a medical emergency from unexpected bills, and requiring all hospitals that participate in the Medicare program to have increased billing transparency with patients regarding potential out-of-network providers.

The NRLN would welcome an amendment to the bill to also have the legislation apply to Urgent Care Clinics whether a branch of a hospital or not.

**H.R. 817, End Surprise Billing Act of 2017**, is the companion bill in the House of Representatives.

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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