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February 21, 2017

The Honorable Chuck Grassley  
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The Honorable Amy Klobuchar  
United States Senate  
302 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510-2308

The Honorable John McCain  
United States Senate  
225 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510-0303

Dear Senators Grassley, Klobuchar and McCain:

On behalf of the more than 2 million retirees in all 50 states represented by the National Retirees Legislative Network (NRLN), I am writing to thank you for urging Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Tom Price to use his statutory authority to fast track the importation of prescription drugs from Canada to help lower the cost of safe medicines for Americans.

The NRLN also believes that Secretary Price has the authority to bring about the importation of prescription drugs from Canada. On February 15, 2017, I sent the attached letter to Secretary Price pointing out that in 2003, the 108th Congress passed and the President signed Public Law 108-173 in December 2003. This law gave the Secretary of Health and Human Services the authority to set regulations for the importation prescription drugs from Canada.

My letter cited the provisions in Under **TITLE XI – Subtitle C – Importation of Prescription Drugs, Sec. 1121** that provided for importation of prescription drugs from a licensed Canadian pharmacy for personal use by an individual, not for resale, in quantities that do not exceed a 90-day supply.

You certainly understand the hardships being caused to millions of Americans by unaffordable prescription drugs as evidenced by the bills you have introduced and/or co-sponsored in recent years. The NRLN commends you for the bills on prescription drugs that have been introduced in the Senate already this year, including, **S. 92, Safe and Affordable Drugs from Canada Act of 2017; S. 41, Medicare Prescription Drug Price Negotiation Act of 2017, and S. 124, Preserve Access to Affordable Generics Act of 2017.**

Alyson Parker, NRLN Executive Director in Washington, DC ([executivedirector@nrln.org](mailto:executivedirector@nrln.org) and 813-545-6792), will follow up with members of your staffs to learn whether the NRLN can be of assistance in further urging Secretary Price to take action on importing prescription drugs from Canada. Also, we want to know how the NRLN might help you gain passage of your prescription drug bills.

Sincerely,



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