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December 16, 2010

The Honorable Harry Reid, Majority Leader  
United States Senate  
522 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510-2803

Dear Senator Reid:

The Omnibus Trade Act (H.R. 6517) passed by the House contains language to extend until July 2012 the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) improvements to the Health Coverage Tax Credit (HCTC) that are scheduled to expire on December 31, 2010. As you may know, the HCTC program is a tax benefit established in 2002 to help protect workers and retirees who lost their health care coverage when their jobs were moved overseas or a corporate bankruptcy court approved Voluntary Employee Benefit Associations (VEBA) to offer HCTC eligible insurance programs.

On behalf of the more than 2 million members of the National Retiree Legislative Network (NRLN), I am writing to request that you exercise your leadership to retain the HCTC extension in the Omnibus Trade Act when the bill is taken up in the Senate.

It would be unconscionable for Congress to allow HCTC provisions to expire and needlessly jeopardize health coverage for tens of thousands of Americans who are already struggling with significant loss to their earned pensions and the elimination of health care benefits.

The NRLN hopes to hear from you that you support extending HCTC as provided for in the Omnibus Trade Act. If you have questions about the NRLN's support for extending HCTC, please contact Marta Bascom, NRLN Executive Director, at 703-863-9611 or [marta.bascom@linkspace.net](mailto:marta.bascom@linkspace.net) .

Sincerely,

*Bill Kadereit*

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