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April 6, 2016

The Honorable Brian Higgins
U.S. House of Representatives
2459 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515-3226

Dear Representative Higgins:

The National Retiree Legislative Network (NRLN) that represents more than 2 million retirees was pleased when you introduced **H.R. 2739, the Cancer Drug Coverage Act of 2015**, on June 11, 2015. We are very disappointed that the House Energy and Commerce Committee has not passed your bill. I have sent letters to Chairman Fred Upton and Frank Pallone, Ranking Member, asking them to bring **H.R. 2739** to a vote in the Committee.

Your bill is important because it would require health insurance plans that cover traditional chemotherapy provide equally favorable coverage for orally-administered anticancer medications.

The NRLN believes as you do that insurance coverage for cancer treatments must keep up with innovation. Many patients are now using promising oral treatments but are forced to pay astronomical out-of-pocket costs or forgo treatment altogether.

I have sent a letter to **Representative Leonard Lance** also thanking him for introducing **H.R. 2739**.

If there is anything else we as advocates for retirees and your bill can do to help move the bill forward please let me know.

The NRLN's full Legislative Agenda and detailed whitepapers can be found at www.nrln.org. Your consideration on these issues would also be appreciated.

Sincerely,

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