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May 9, 2016

The Honorable Jeanne Shaheen
United States Senate
506 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-2906

Dear Senator Shaheen:

The National Retiree Legislative Network (NRLN) that represents more than 2 million retirees was pleased when you introduced **S. 1345, Access to Quality Diabetes Education Act** on May 14, 2015. Thank you for introducing this important bill. We hope the Finance Committee will pass the bill soon and go to a vote on the Senate floor.

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

We believe passage of your bill is important because it would recognize state-licensed or registered-certified diabetes educators as Medicare providers. It also increases education and outreach to primary care physicians about the importance of Diabetes Self-Management Training (DSMT) for their patients with diabetes.

I have also sent a letter to Representative Ed Whitfield to thank him for introducing H.R. 1726, the companion bill.

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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