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April 8, 2016

The Honorable Mark Kirk
United States Senate
524 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-1308

Dear Senator Kirk:

The National Retiree Legislative Network (NRLN) that represents more than 2 million retirees was pleased when you introduced **S. 1465, Furthering Access to Stroke Telemedicine Act (FAST Act)**, on May 22, 2015. We are very disappointed that the Senate Finance Committee has not passed your bill. I have sent letters to Chairman Orrin Hatch and Ron Wyden, Ranking Member, asking them to bring **S. 1566** to a vote in the Committee.

Your bill is important because it expands access to stroke telemedicine treatment in Medicare. The NRLN agrees with you that stroke is a condition that needs to be treated immediately in order to minimize damage to the brain. Passage of your bill would provide Medicare participants access to a proven method for treating strokes quickly.

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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