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April 6, 2016

The Honorable Heidi Heitkamp
United States Senate
110 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-3403

Dear Senator Heitkamp:

The National Retiree Legislative Network (NRLN) that represents more than 2 million retirees was pleased when you introduced **S. 709, Restoring Access to Medication Act** on March 11, 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. 709** to a vote in the Committee.

Your bill is important because would repeal a portion of Obamacare that prohibits people from using their medical savings account funds to buy over-the-counter (OTC) medications. While this would be beneficial to all Americans with a medical saving account, it would particularly help retirees living on a fixed income.

I have also sent a letter to Senator Pat Roberts to thank him for introducing **S. 709** along with you.

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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