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February 7, 2022

The Honorable Frank Pallone, Chairman
Committee on Energy and Commerce
U.S. House of Representatives
2107 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515-3006

Dear Chairman Pallone:

On behalf of the more than 2 million retirees and future retirees represented by the National Retiree Legislative Network (NRLN), I am requesting that you call for a vote in the Committee on Energy and Commerce on **H.R.6202, Telehealth Extension Act.**

This bipartisan bill ensures permanent access to telehealth for patients across the country by ending outdated geographic and site restrictions on where patients can receive approved telehealth services. Following recommendations from the nonpartisan, independent advisory group Medicare Payment Advisory Commission (MedPAC), the bill also temporarily extends emergency authorities established during the COVID-19 pandemic that authorize a wide range of providers and services via telehealth.

The temporary extension of these authorities will prevent an abrupt cliff in services at the end of the Public Health Emergency (PHE) period and allow for further study of the utilization and impact of telehealth.

I want to note that on June 8, 2021, I sent letters to the Subcommittee on Health Chairwoman Anna Eshoo and Ranking Member Brett Guthrie requesting a vote on **H.R.1332, Telehealth Modernization Act.**

It seems to the NRLN that **H.R.6202 and H.R.1332** bills should be combined and passed.

If you would like to learn more about why the NRLN supports **H.R.6202 and H.R.1332**, please contact me or Alyson Parker, NRLN Executive Director, on her cell phone at 813-545-6792 or executivedirector@nrln.org.

Sincerely,

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