



601 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Suite 900, South Building
Washington, D.C. 20004-2601
Tel: 202-220-3172 Toll-Free: 1-866-360-7197
Email: contact@nrln.org Website: www.nrln.org

Board of Directors:

Bill Kadereit, President / **Robert Tompkins**, VP – Secretary/Treasurer / **Judy Stenberg**, VP – Legislative Affairs / **Stan Hurst**, VP – Regulatory Affairs / **Joe Dombrowski**, VP - Membership / **Bob Martina**, VP – Grassroots Network / **Will Buergey** / **Joseph R. (Dick) Ciocca** / **Martha Deahl** / **Chris Dyrda** / **Chuck Gilbert** / **Cynthia Hadsell** / **Ralph Maly** / **Paul Mazzara** / **Mike Stohlmeyer** / **Larry Smith**

Washington & Support Staff

Marta Bascom, Executive Director / **Michael Calabrese**, Legislative Adviser / **Ed Beltram**, VP - Communications / **Joe Sciuilli**, Webmaster

The NRLN advocates the rights of more than 2 million American retirees from...

Aetna / Agere / Agilent / Albertson / American Airlines / Ameritech/SBC / AMF / American Mutual / Amica Mutual / Archdiocese of Boston / ARXE, Inc. / AT&T / Avaya / Avin Meritor / Avon / Ball Aerospace / Baltimore Public Schools / Bell Atlantic / Bell Helicopter / Bendix / BOC Group / Boeing / California State Employees / Caterpillar / C & P Telephone / CenturyLink / Chrysler / City of San Diego / College of New Rochelle / CO DOT / CO PERA / Commonwealth Edison / Commscope / Connectivity Solutions / Consolidated Edison / Continental Airlines / Continental General Tire / CORBE, Inc. / Cox Media / CSX Transportation / CWA / Datatronics / Del Monte / Delphi / Delta Air Lines / Dept. of Justice / Detroit Edison / Detroit Diesel / DHS-FEMA / Diamond State / Digital Equipment / DTE Energy / Eastman Chemical Co. / Embarq / Enco Alloys / Entergy Operations, Inc. / Exelon / FedEx / Fidelity / Fisher Scientific Co. / Ford / General Electric / General Motors / General Telephone / Gulf Oil / Hartford / Hoechst Celanese / Holophane / Honeywell Vorr / Hughes Aircraft / HWB / IBEW / IBM / Illinois Bell / Illinois Teachers Assn. / Indiana Bell / J. I. Case Corp. / John Deere / JNJ / Johns Manville / Johnson & Johnson / Kaman Corp. / Kansas City Schools / Kodak / Lockheed Martin / Lucent / Marlboro / McDonnell Douglas / MCI / MetLife / Mich Con / MI Public Schools / Mobil Oil / Monsanto/Solutia / MST&T Co. / NARFE / NASD / NEA / Net Co. / Nevada Bell / Niagara Mohawk Power / NJEA / NJ Public Employee / North Memorial Medical Center / NSTAR / Northwest Airlines / Northwestern Bell / NYNEX / NY Teachers / Ohio Bell / OK Teachers / Oregon PERS / OSRAM / Sylvania / PacBell / PBGC / PECO Energy / Pension Actuary / Pfizer / Phila Electric Co. / Polaroid / Port Authority of NY & NJ / Portland GE-Enron / Prudential / PSERS of PA / Public Service of Colorado / Raytheon / Rock-Tenn Co. / Rocky Mount Mills / Rohm & Haas Co. / Rouse Co. / Salis / Sears / SEIU/CSEA / Sempra Energy / Southern New England Tel / Southwestern Bell / Spherion Corp. / Springs Mills / Sprint / State of MI / Supermedia LLC / Teamsters / Telesector Resources Group / Telcordia / Texas Instruments / TIAA-CREF / Transamerica / UCLA / Ullico / Union Pacific / UnitedHealthCare / United Airlines / University of California / UPS / U.S. Air Force / U.S. Airways / U.S. Bureau of Reclamation / U.S. Marine Corp. / U.S. Air Force / U.S. Army / U.S. Navy / USAF Trucking / US West-Qwest / USPS / Verizon / Visteon / WA PERS / Wells Fargo / Western Union / Weyerhaeuser /

July 24, 2014

The Honorable Kevin Brady, Chairman
Ways & Means Subcommittee on Health
U.S. House of Representatives
301 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515-4308

Subject: **Pass H.R. 2845, Diabetic Testing Supply Access Act**

Dear Chairman Brady,

On behalf of the more than 2 million retirees and future retirees represented by the National Retiree Legislative Network (NRLN), I am writing to request that you apply your leadership of the House Ways & Means Subcommittee on Health to pass **H.R. 2845, Diabetic Testing Supply Access Act**, that was introduced by Representative Rep. Peter Welch on July 26, 2013 and assigned to your committee on August 2, 2013.

When enacted, **H.R. 2845** would deny the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) authority to restrict or eliminate a Medicare beneficiary's option of electing, regardless of delivery method (except by mail), to have diabetic testing supplies delivered to him or her by retail community pharmacies. This includes pharmacies that contract with a long-term care facility, assisted living facility, group home, or other type of residential setting recognized by the state.

Easy access to diabetic testing supplies is essential to the health of seniors on Medicare. Since it has been almost a year that **H.R. 2845** has been in your committee it is certainly time for your committee to pass the bill. I hope to learn from you that your committee has moved **H.R. 2845** to the full Ways & Means Committee and you will work for its passage by the Ways & Means Committee and the entire House.

Sincerely,

Bill Kadereit, President
National Retiree Legislative Network
Phone: 972-722-5928
Email: president@nrln.org

Copy to:

Rep. Jim McDermott, Ranking Member, Health Subcommittee
Rep. Dave Camp, Chairman, Ways & Means
Rep. Sander Levin, Ranking Member, Ways & Means
Rep. Peter Welch