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December 8, 2014

The Honorable Keith M. Ellison
U.S. House of Representatives
2244 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515-2305

Subject: Reintroduce the Personal Drug Importation Fairness Act

Dear Representative Ellison:

On behalf of the National Retiree Legislative Network (NRLN) that represents the interests of more than 2 million retirees and future retirees across the nation, I am writing to encourage you to reintroduce the **Personal Drug Importation Fairness Act (H.R. 3715)** when the 114th Congress convenes in January.

It is important to Americans, especially retirees living on fixed, limited incomes, that your bill be reintroduced and passed because it would give access to safe, reasonably priced prescription drugs by allowing for the personal importation and reimportation of prescription drugs from countries with safety standards that are at least as strong as those of the United States.

As you understand, oftentimes, people have to skip doses of their medications or forgo their prescriptions altogether because of the high cost in our country. Your bill would allow Americans to buy prescription drugs from countries with a comparable safety standard to the U.S. or better, including Australia, Canada, Israel, Japan, New Zealand, Switzerland, South Africa, and countries in the European Union.

Your bill needs to be passed to break the non-competitive strangle hold that the U.S. pharmaceutical industry has on Americans. I hope to hear from you that you will reintroduce your bill and work to gain cosponsors and get it passed.

If a member of your Capitol Hill staff would like to discuss the NRLN's dedication to reducing prescription drug costs, contact Marta Bascom, NRLN Executive Director, at executivedirector@nrln.org or 703-863-9611) Also, your Minnesota staff could contact Cal Johnson in Maple Grove (cal.judyjohnson@gmail.com or 308-532-1617) who is the NRLN's State Grassroots Leader in Minnesota's 5th District. Mary Ann Neuman in New Hope, MN (maneuman12@msn.com or 763-535-3865) is the NRLN's State Grassroots Leader in Minnesota. Cindy Hadsell (clhadsell@aol.com or 402-553-6316) in Omaha is the NRLN's Regional Grassroots Director. Cal, Mary Ann and Cindy are members of the Northwestern Bell retirees organization affiliated with the NRLN.

Sincerely,



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