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August 9, 2015

The Honorable Robert C. Scott, Ranking Member
Education and Workforce Committee
U.S. House of Representatives
1201 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515-4603

Dear Representative Scott:

On July 16, 2015, the Senate passed **S. 192, the Older Americans Act Reauthorization Act of 2015**. The Congress.gov website shows that S. 192 was referred to the House Education and Workforce Committee on July 20, 2015. On behalf for the more than 2 million retirees represented by the National Retiree Legislative Network (NRLN), I am requesting that you support calling for a vote on **S. 192** in your committee.

Enacting **S. 192** would support social and nutrition services—from Meals on Wheels to senior centers—for nearly 12 million seniors and help them live healthier, more independent lives. Seniors should not be worried about how they will get their next meal. They should have the supports available to them to remain in their homes and communities. Reauthorization of the Older Americans Act would help seniors live with dignity and with a sense of security.

In addition to providing grants to states for senior social and nutrition services, the reauthorization also aims to protect vulnerable elders from abuse by increasing existing abuse screening and prevention efforts. This includes programs to ensure that all residents of a long-term care facility have access to an ombudsman. The reauthorization streamlines federal level administration of programs, promotes effective use of transportation services, and improves coordination between programs at the federal, state, and local levels. The reauthorization also adjusts the formula that allots state grants to account for geographic changes in the older population.

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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