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June 18, 2015

The Honorable Morgan Griffith  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1108 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515-4609

Dear Representative Griffith:

On behalf of the more than 2 million retirees represented by the National Retiree Legislative Network (NRLN), I want to thank you for introducing **H.R.793 - Ensuring Seniors Access to Local Pharmacies Act of 2015.**

The NRLN agrees with you that seniors in medically underserved areas should be allowed to access lower copays at any pharmacy willing to accept the Medicare Part D drug plan's "preferred pharmacy" terms and conditions (i.e., pricing).

As you appreciate, many Medicare beneficiaries are effectively told by insurance Pharmacy Benefit Managers (PBMs) which pharmacy to use based on exclusionary arrangements between PBMs and, for the most part, "Big Box" pharmacies. It is not right for patients to have to pay higher copays if their pharmacy is excluded, even if it has not been given the opportunity to participate yet is willing to accept the plan's "preferred" pricing.

If the NRLN can help gain the passage of H.R. 793, please contact me or Marta Bascom, the NRLN's Executive Director in Washington, DC at 703-863-9611 or [executivedirector@nrln.org](mailto:executivedirector@nrln.org).

The NRLN's full Legislative Agenda and detailed whitepapers can be found at [www.nrln.org](http://www.nrln.org). Your consideration on these issues would also be appreciated.

Sincerely,

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