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December 11, 2015

The Honorable Shelley Capito
United States Senate
172 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Capito:

On behalf of the more than 2 million retirees represented
by the National Retiree Legislative Network (NRLN), I
want to thank you for introducing S. 1190, Ensuring
Seniors Access to Local Pharmacies Act of 2015.

The NRLN believes as you do 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.

Since S. 1190 has been in the Finance Committee since
May and the companion bill H.R. 793, introduced by
Representative Morgan H. Griffith, has been in the
Subcommittee on Health since February, if the NRLN
can help gain the passage out of the committees please
contact me or Marta Bascom, the NRLN's Executive
Director in Washington, DC at 703-863-9611 or
executivedirector@nrln.org.

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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