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December 11, 2015

The Honorable Ben Cardin  
United States Senate  
509 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510-2004

Dear Senator Cardin:

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. 539, the Medicare Access to Rehabilitation Services Act of 2015, which would repeal the caps on Medicare outpatient rehabilitation physical therapy services and speech-language pathology services.

Congress has recognized the necessity for flexibility in these services by acting 12 times to prevent the implementation of this cap. It makes sense to eliminate the cap to protect Medicare beneficiaries from arbitrary limits on outpatient physical therapy, occupational therapy, and speech-language pathology services that are often needed to recover from debilitating illnesses or injuries.

Since S. 539 and its companion bill H.R. 775, introduced by Representative Charles Boustany, have been in committees since February 2015, if the NRLN can help gain the passage of bills 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](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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