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July 30, 2015

The Honorable John Thune
United States Senate
511 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-4105

Dear Senator Thune:

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.1461** that would extend through calendar year 2015 a prohibition on the Centers of Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) from enforcing direct supervision policy for outpatient therapeutic services, a harmful regulation that would jeopardize access to therapy services in rural areas. We are pleased that the Senate Finance Committee passed S. 1461 on June 24, 2015.

The NRLN believes as you do that it is important to delay through the end of 2015 enforcement of this CMS regulation which would harm rural seniors' access to therapy services.

If the NRLN can help gain the passage of **S. 1461** by the Senate, 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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