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January 25, 2016

The Honorable Chuck Grassley
United States Senate
135 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-1501

Dear Senator Grassley:

The National Retiree Legislative Network (NRLN),
that represents the interest of more than 2 million
retirees, is disappointed that the Senate Finance
Committee has not passed **S. 648, the Medicare
Formulary Improvement Act that you introduced
on March 4, 2015.**

We believe as you do that Medicare Part D sponsors
should be required to include all covered drugs in six
protected categories and classes in their plan
formularies: anticonvulsants, antidepressants;
antineoplastics, antipsychotics, antiretrovirals, and
immunosuppressants.

Seniors should not have to go through the hassle to
try to obtain prior authorization to access the
prescription drugs they need. Unfettered access to
the right drugs saves lives and costs, and any
changes to Medicare's prescription drug plan must
not jeopardize patient choice and safety.

If the NRLN can help gain the passage of **S. 648**,
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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