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September 11, 2019

The Honorable Richard Neal, Chairman
Committee on Ways and Means
U.S. House of Representatives
2309 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515-2101

Dear Chairman Neal:

On behalf of the more than 2 million retirees and future
retirees represented by the National Retiree Legislative
Network (NRLN), I am requesting that you call for a vote
in the Committee on Ways and Means on **H.R. 3924**,
Streamlining Part D Appeals Process Act.

Currently, a pharmacy counter refusal does not qualify as
a “coverage determination,” which a beneficiary must
obtain before initiating a Medicare Part D plan appeal. A
beneficiary must then work with his/her provider to file a
Part D exception request. Only upon receipt of a written
denial is the beneficiary permitted to request a formal
appeal. Passage of **H.R. 3924** would allow the refusal at
the pharmacy counter to serve as a formal denial,
eliminating several unnecessary and time-consuming
steps.

If you would like to know more about why the NRLN
supports **H.R. 3924**, please ask a member of your staff
to contact me or Alyson Parker, the NRLN’s Executive
Director in Washington, DC at 813-545-6792 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 be appreciated.

Sincerely,

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