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June 5, 2019

The Honorable Michael Burgess, Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Health
U.S. House of Representatives
2161 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515-4326

Dear Representative Burgess:

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 support calling for a vote in the Subcommittee on Health on **H.R. 652, Comprehensive Care for Seniors Act of 2019**.

This bill requires the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to improve Programs of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE), a program that provides high-quality, in-home care and community services for Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries with medical conditions who wish to live at home rather than in a nursing home.

PACE programs operate under regulations last updated in 2006. This legislation will force CMS to modernize this program. The lack of an updated rule hampers the ability of PACE programs to innovate and grow to meet the increasing number of seniors who want to live at home as long as possible.

The NRLN believes seniors facing health challenges should be able to get the health care and services they need while continuing to live at home by having access to fully-integrated health care services, resulting in fewer hospital visits and longer lives.

If you or your staff have questions about why the NRLN supports this bill important to America's seniors, please 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 also be appreciated.

Sincerely,

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