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December 10, 2019

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

Dear Chairman Grassley:

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 Finance on **S. 2496, Stop the Wait Act**.

Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) requires an application and determination period that can last more than 18 months. After being approved for SSDI, individuals with disabilities are forced to wait another five months to get a disability check and another two years to obtain health coverage through Medicare. The **Stop the Wait Act** would eliminate these dangerous, mandated waiting periods imposed on individuals with disabilities that harm their health by delaying health care from Medicare.

If you would like to know more about why the NRLN supports **S. 2496**, 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](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 be appreciated.

Sincerely,

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