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March 5, 2020

The Honorable Shelly Capito
United States Senate
172 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Capito:

On behalf of the more than 2 million retirees represented by the National Retiree Legislative Network, I want to express the NRLN's disappointment that the Committee on Finance has not advanced **S. 1190, Rural Access to Hospice Act of 2019**. There has been plenty of time for action on your bill that you introduced on April 11, 2019. Thank you for your bill.

Our members live in 75 percent of the U.S. Congressional Districts. This means the many live in rural areas. Your bill is important because it would allow Rural Health Centers (RHCs) and Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) to receive payment from Medicare for practitioners' services while caring for their patients in Hospice care. Passing your bill would ensure individuals and families living in rural can select Hospice without jeopardizing their relationship with their trusted physician.

I am also sending a letter to Representative Ron Kind to thank him for introducing companion bill **H.R. 2594**.

If you or your staff would like to know more about the NRLN, contact me of Alyson Parker, NRLN Executive Director, who represents the NRLN on Capitol Hill. Her cell phone is 813-545-6792 and email address is executivedirector@nrln.org.

Sincerely,

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