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September 14, 2020

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. 5216,
Quality Care For Nursing Home Residents Act.**

Nursing homes provide essential care for more than
1.3 million Americans every year. The patients and
their families depend on these facilities for quality care
to survive and to live a fuller life. Passage of **H.R.5216**
would represent the first comprehensive legislation to
ensure that residents of nursing homes are guaranteed
their right to appropriate professional care. The bill:
-- establishes higher minimum nurse staffing levels for
nursing homes under Medicare and Medicaid;
-- expands training requirements and supervision for all
nursing staff;
-- creates whistleblower and other protections for
nursing home residents and personnel;
-- prohibits the use of forced arbitration agreements
between residents and any nursing home entity;
-- develops a standardized protocol for nursing facilities
to obtain written informed consent from residents for
treatment with psychotropic drugs.

To learn more about why the NRLN supports **H.R. 5216**,
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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