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March 5, 2020

The Honorable Ron Kind
U.S. House of Representatives
1502 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515-4903

Dear Representative Kind:

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 Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Health or the Ways and Means Committee has not advanced **H.R. 2594, Rural Access to Hospice Act of 2019**. There has been plenty of time for action on your bill that you introduced on May 8, 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 Senator Shelley Capito to thank her for introducing companion bill **S. 1190**.

If you or your staff would like to know more about the NRLN, contact me or 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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