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January 3, 2021

The Honorable Susan DelBene  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2330 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515-4701

Dear Representative DelBene:

On behalf of the more than 2 million members of the National Retiree Legislative Network (NRLN), I am requesting that you re-introduce in the 117th Congress **Improving Seniors' Timely Access to Care Act**. The NRLN issued an Action Alert to our members on June 3, 2020 and thousands of letters were sent to Representative in support of your bill.

As you know, each of the private insurance companies providing Medicare Advantage (MA) plans has a unique way of handling its requirement for prior authorization. This often requires faxing of a patient's medical information or phone calls by clinicians, which takes precious time away from patient care and potentially lead to a delay of needed medical intervention.

The NRLN agrees with the intent of **Improving Seniors' Timely Access to Care Act** that when MA plan participants need critical medical care, doctors and support staff should be spending their time working with patients instead of having to haggle with insurance companies over whether they can do their jobs.

Re-introduction and passage of **Improving Seniors' Timely Access to Care Act** would improve the delivery of medical care for seniors in MA plans by standardizing prior authorization while also providing much needed oversight and transparency of health insurance companies.

Sincerely,

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