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April 5, 2021

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi, Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
United States Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Madam Speaker:

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 House vote on **S.164, Advancing Education on Biosimilars Act of 2021** which was passed by unanimous consent in the Senate on March 3, 2021 and was sent to the House. This is an opportunity to get something done immediately.

Enactment of **S.164** would enhance education about biosimilar drug products in an effort to increase competition and lower the cost of biologic medicines which treat chronic illnesses, such as diabetes and certain cancers.

Providing educational materials to patients and healthcare providers will improve confidence in the safety and effectiveness of these FDA-approved biosimilar products. Improved confidence in biosimilars would lead to increased use, which in turn would increase healthcare savings.

Biosimilar medications have no clinically meaningful differences from brand name biological drugs, but they can be just a fraction of the cost. Independent studies have estimated that biologics could save Americans potentially \$54 billion in healthcare costs over 10 years.

If you would like to learn more about why the NRLN supports passage of **S. 164**, please ask a member of your staff to contact me or Alyson Parker, NRLN Executive Director, on her cell phone at 813-545-6792 or executivedirector@nrln.org.

Sincerely,

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