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March 1, 2021

The Honorable Richard Neal, Chairman
Committee on Ways and Means
U.S. House of Representatives
372 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515-2101

Dear Chairman Neal:

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 vote in the Committee on Ways and Means on **H.R. 502, Medicare Dental Benefit Act of 2021.**

Enactment of this bill would repeal the statutory exclusion on Medicare coverage of dental care and dental prostheses, while creating a specific dental benefit under Medicare Part B.

Two-thirds of the elderly and individuals with disabilities in the Medicare program, often living on a fixed income, do not have oral health coverage. These beneficiaries struggle to afford and receive the oral health care services they need to stay healthy. In addition, Oral health also is directly related to COVID-19 risk, as poor oral health puts people at a higher risk of contracting and dying from the virus.

If you would like to learn more about why the NRLN supports passage of **H.R. 502**, please contact me or Alyson Parker, NRLN Executive Director, on her cell phone at 813-545-6792 or executivedirector@nrln.org.

Sincerely,

Bill Kadereit, President
National Retiree Legislative Network