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June 8, 2021

The Honorable Ron Wyden, Chairman  
Committee on Finance  
Unites States Senate  
221 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510-3703

Dear Chairman Wyden:

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 votes in the Committee on Finance on **S. 368, Telehealth Modernization Act** and **S. 868, Huntington's Disease Disability Insurance Access Act of 2021**.

Telehealth has been a critical lifeline for more than 10 million patients who needed care during the COVID-19 pandemic. Telehealth for Medicare participants will expire at the end of the COVID-19 public health emergency. Passing **S. 368** would make sure that telehealth coverage for Medicare beneficiaries is made permanent.

Huntington's Disease is a fatal hereditary disorder that causes total physical and mental deterioration, specifically affecting the brain. Today, this degenerative disease is known to affect 41,000 Americans and more than 200,000 Americans are at risk.

The current 2-year waiting period for Medicare and 5-months waiting period for Social Security Disability Insurance is too long to get support for ailing patients. Passing **S. 868** would ensure that everyone with this disease has access to immediate Medicare and Social Security benefits

If you would like to learn more about why the NRLN supports **S. 368** and **S. 868**, please contact me or Alyson Parker, NRLN Executive Director, on her cell phone at 813-545-6792 or [executivedirector@nrln.org](mailto:executivedirector@nrln.org).

Sincerely,

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