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June 8, 2021

The Honorable Bernie Sanders, Chairman Subcommittee on Primary Health and Retirement Security United States Senate 332 Dirksen Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Sanders:

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 Subcommittee on Primary Health and Retirement Security on the bill you introduced, **S. 920, Affordable and Safe Prescription Drug Importation Act**.

In 2020, the U.S. spent about 30 percent more on prescriptions per person than Canada. According to a March 2019 poll by the Kaiser Family, almost 78 percent favor allowing Americans to buy prescription drugs imported from Canada.

As you know, **S. 920** would instruct the Secretary of Health and Human Services, within 180 days after enactment of this Act, to issue regulations allowing wholesalers, licensed U.S. pharmacies, and individuals to import qualifying prescription drugs manufactured at FDA-inspected facilities from licensed Canadian sellers. After two years, the Secretary would have the authority to permit importation from countries in the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) that meet specified statutory or regulatory standards that are comparable to U.S. standards.

If you would like to learn more about why the NRLN supports **S. 920**, please 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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