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To: All NRLN Grassroots Network Members

From: NRLN President Bill Kadereit

Subject: Action Alert: Make Protection of Retirees a Priority in Health Care Reform

Representative Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, will have tremendous influence over what is in any health care bill that may be brought to the House floor for debate and a vote. Since she is the Speaker of the House, the NRLN believes she should hear from all NRLN Grassroots Network members, not just her California constituents, on the importance of making retirees a priority in health care reform.

I am asking you to send the NRLN's sample letter to request Speaker Pelosi's support on these three important sections in the House Tri-Committees bill, *America's Affordable Health Choices Act of 2009* (H.R. 3200):

- Section 164: Retiree Reinsurance Fund
- Section 165: Preserving Retiree Health Benefits
- Section 1181: Closing Medicare Part D Coverage Gap ('Donut Hole')

Please keep in mind that the NRLN is not endorsing the House health care bill nor any health care bill being drafted in the Senate. We are continuing to lobby for health care initiatives in the NRLN's authorized 2009 Legislative Agenda. All three of the above sections include elements of our priorities for improving health care for retirees.

Please email the NRLN's sample letter to Speaker Pelosi who will continue to be deeply involved with H.R. 3200. Go to <http://capwiz.com/abtr/home/> to access the NRLN Action Alert. Look for the headline: **Make Protection of Retirees a Priority in Health Care Reform**. Click on the "Take Action" button. On the next screen, click "GO" to access the sample letter. If you have a problem accessing the Action Alert with the above link, go to [www.nrln.org](http://www.nrln.org) and click on the "Take Action Now" headline at the top of the NRLN website's home page. Send your email today.

Also, I urge you to call Speaker Pelosi's Washington, DC office at (202) 225-0100. Use the information in the sample letter to express the need for changes beneficial to retirees in Sections 164, 165 and 1181.

It is extremely important that you send your email in support of the NRLN's position asking for stronger protection of retirees' health care benefits. Thank you in advance for your assistance to help yourself and your fellow retirees.

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