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May 7, 2019

The Honorable Frank Pallone, Chairman
Committee on Energy and Commerce
U.S. House of Representatives
2107 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515-3006

Dear Chairman Pallone:

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 Energy and Commerce on **H.R. 1035, Prescription Drug Price Transparency Act.**

Passage of **H.R. 1035** would require greater transparency and accountability from Pharmacy Benefit Managers (PBMs). Pharmacy middlemen have manipulated drug prices to maximize their profit margin. The Prescription Drug Price Transparency Act will protect patients and pharmacies by increasing transparency over the drug pricing process.

H.R. 1035 is important to seniors because PBMs determine which drugs are covered under Medicare Part D. PBMs maintain Maximum Allowable Cost (MAC) lists, which set the maximum reimbursement rate given to community pharmacies for drugs covered by Medicare. According to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), PBMs often use these pharmacy rebates and price concessions to pad their profits instead of lowering the price patients pay for medications.

To learn more about why the NRLN supports **H.R. 1035**, please ask a member of your staff to contact me or Alyson Parker, the NRLN's Executive Director in Washington, DC at 813-545-6792 or executivedirector@nrln.org.

The NRLN's full Legislative Agenda and detailed whitepapers can be found at www.nrln.org. Your consideration on these issues would be appreciated.

Sincerely,

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