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April 3, 2019

The Honorable Ron Wyden, Ranking Member
Committee on Finance
United States Senate
221 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-3703

Dear Senator 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 support calling for a vote in the Committee on Finance on **S. 668**, Removing Barriers to Colorectal Cancer Screening Act of 2019.

Colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death among men and women combined. In 2019, more than 145,600 Americans will be diagnosed with colorectal cancer and approximately 51,000 Americans will die from it. Approximately 60 percent of colorectal cancer cases and 70 percent of deaths occur in those aged 65 and older. Although colorectal cancer is largely preventable, one in three adults over 50 years of age are not up to date with recommended colorectal cancer screening.

S. 668 should be passed by the Committee on Finance because it waives Medicare coinsurance requirements with respect to colorectal cancer screening tests, regardless of the code billed for a resulting diagnosis or procedure. This will eliminate cost for seniors and save lives.

To learn more about why the NRLN supports **S. 668**, 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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