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July 10, 2017

The Honorable Chuck Grassley, Chairman  
Committee on the Judiciary  
United States Senate  
135 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510-1501

Dear Chairman Grassley:

On behalf of the more than 2 million retirees represented by  
the National Retiree Legislative Network (NRLN), I urge  
you to call for a vote in the Senate Judiciary Committee on  
**S. 974, the CREATES (Creating and Restoring Equal  
Access to Equivalent Samples) Act.**

The bill targets abusive delay tactics that are being used to  
block entry of affordable generic drugs. For example, a  
generic competitor has to prove equivalence to the branded  
product to win FDA approval, and that requires extensive  
testing with anywhere from 1,500 to 5,000 tablets of the  
original treatment. But brand-name drug companies are  
invoking FDA safe-use and distribution restrictions to avoid  
handing over the capsules.

The **CREATES Act** is intended to provide an efficient,  
tailored path for generic drug manufacturers to obtain  
relief so they can continue working to bring their lower-  
cost product to market. The Congressional Budget  
Office estimates that the CREATES Act would result in  
a \$3.3 billion net decrease in the federal deficit. The  
savings to consumers and private insurance companies  
would likely be far greater.

The NRLN's full Legislative Agenda and detailed  
whitepapers can be found at [www.nrln.org](http://www.nrln.org). Your  
consideration on these issues would also be appreciated.

Sincerely,

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