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July 10, 2017

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein, Ranking Member  
Committee on the Judiciary  
United States Senate  
331 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510-0504

Dear Senator Feinstein:

On behalf of the more than 2 million retirees represented by the National Retiree Legislative Network (NRLN), I urge you to support calling 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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