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May 9, 2016

The Honorable Ed Whitfield
United States House of Representatives
2184 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515-1701

Dear Representative Whitfield:

The National Retiree Legislative Network (NRLN) that represents more than 2 million retirees was pleased when you introduced **H.R. 1726, Access to Quality Diabetes Education Act** on March 26, 2015. Thank you for introducing this important bill. We hope the Committee on Energy and Commerce or the Committee on Ways and Means will pass the bill soon.

If there is anything we as advocates for retirees and your bill can do to help move the bill forward please let me know.

We believe passage of your bill is important because it would recognize state-licensed or registered-certified diabetes educators as Medicare providers. It also increases education and outreach to primary care physicians about the importance of Diabetes Self-Management Training (DSMT) for their patients with diabetes.

I have also sent a letter to Senator Jeanne Shaheen to thank her for introducing S. 1345, the companion bill.

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

Sincerely,

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