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February 10, 2019

The Honorable Elijah Cummings, Chairman  
Oversight and Government Reform Committee  
U.S. House of Representative  
2163 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515-2007

Dear Chairman Cummings:

On behalf of the more than 2 million retirees in all 50 states represented by the National Retirees Legislative Network (NRLN), I am writing to thank you for introducing **H.R. 448, Medicare Drug Price Negotiation Act**, that would provide for the negotiation of lower Medicare Part D prices and require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to apply a formulary for Part D prescription drugs.

Your bill addresses what 82% of Americans favor according to poll results released on September 13, 2018 by West Health Institute, a nonpartisan, nonprofit healthcare research organization, and conducted by NORC at the University of Chicago. Since 2009 the NRLN has advocated federal legislation to curtail prescription drug prices with more competition in America's pharmaceutical market by allowing Medicare to do competitive bidding.

On February 6, the NRLN issued an Action Alert to our members asking them to send the NRLN's Sample Letter to their Representatives and Senators urging support for **H.R. 448** and companion bill **S. 99**, along with bills to allow the importation of safe, lower priced drugs from Canada and a bill to stop the practice of pay-for-delay to keep cheaper generic drugs off the U.S. market.

Leaders of the NRLN, our retiree associations and chapters will be lobbying for passage of your bill during our appointments on Capitol Hill, February 25-27.

We have also thanked Senator Bernie Sanders for introducing **S. 99**, the companion bill.

If the NRLN can be of additional assistance for moving H.R. 448 out of the committees on Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means plus gain passage by the House, please let me know or ask a member of your staff to contact Alyson Parker, at [executivedirector@nrln.org](mailto:executivedirector@nrln.org) or call 813-545-6792.

Sincerely,

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