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February 10, 2019

The Honorable Chellie Pingree
U.S. House of Representative
2162 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515-1901

Dear Representative Pingree:

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. 478, Safe and Affordable Drugs from Canada Act**, that would allow for the personal importation of safe and affordable drugs from approved pharmacies in Canada.

Your bill addresses what 72% of Americans favor for importation of cheaper drugs from Canada, according to the Health Tracking Poll released on March 23, 2018 by the Kaiser Family Foundation, a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization focused on healthcare. Since 2009 the NRLN has advocated legislation to allow the importation of safe, lower priced drugs from our northern neighbor.

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. 478** and companion bill **S. 61**, along with bills to allow Medicare to negotiate prescription drug prices 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 Chairman Chuck Grassley for introducing **S. 61**.

If the NRLN can be of additional assistance for moving **H.R. 478** out of the Committee on Energy and Commerce 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 or call 813-545-6792.

Sincerely,

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