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April 6, 2016

The Honorable Mark Kirk
United States Senate
524 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-1308

Dear Senator Kirk:

The National Retiree Legislative Network (NRLN) that represents more than 2 million retirees was pleased when you introduced **S. 1566, the Cancer Drug Coverage Act of 2015**, on June 11, 2015. We are very disappointed that the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee has not passed your bill. I have sent letters to Chairman Lamar Alexander and Patty Murray, Ranking Member, asking them to bring **S. 1566** to a vote in the Committee.

Your bill is important because it would require health insurance plans that cover traditional chemotherapy provide equally favorable coverage for orally-administered anticancer medications.

The NRLN believes as you do that insurance coverage for cancer treatments must keep up with innovation. Many patients are now using promising oral treatments but are forced to pay astronomical out-of-pocket costs or forgo treatment altogether.

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

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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