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July 13, 2016

The Honorable Al Franken  
United States Senate  
309 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510-2309

Dear Senator Franken:

The National Retiree Legislative Network (NRLN) that represents more than 2 million retirees was pleased when you introduced **S. 2623, Protecting Americans from Drug Marketing Act**, on March 3, 2016. We are disappointed that the Senate Finance Committee has not passed your bill.

If there is anything we as advocates for retirees and your bill can do to help move the bill forward please contact me or Alyson Parker, the NRLN's Executive Director in Washington, DC, on her cell phone at 813-545-6792 or email at [executivedirector@nrln.org](mailto:executivedirector@nrln.org).

The NRLN believes passage of your bill is important because it would end the tax deduction that pharmaceutical companies take advantage of to write off the money they spend on prescription drug advertising.

We agree with you that advertisements unnecessarily drive up demand for new and higher-cost prescriptions and treatments, which increases overall medical costs for American families and seniors.

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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