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February 10, 2019

The Honorable Chuck Grassley, Chairman  
Committee on Finance  
United States Senate  
135 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510-1501

Dear Chairman Grassley:

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 **S. 61, 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 **S. 61** and companion bill **H.R. 478**, 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 Representative Chellie Pingree for introducing **S. 61**.

If the NRLN can be of additional assistance for moving **S. 61** out of the Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions plus gain passage by the Senate, 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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