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February 10, 2019

The Honorable Amy Klobuchar
United States Senate
425 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-2308

Dear Senator Klobuchar:

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. 64, Preserve Access to Affordable Generics and Biosimilars Act**, that would prohibit the practice of pay-for-delay by brand name drug companies who make deals to delay or keep less expensive generic drugs off the market. In addition, it would prohibit biological product manufacturers from compensating biosimilar and interchangeable companies to delay the entry of biosimilar biological products and interchangeable biological products.

As you know the U.S. Supreme Court has ruled that brand-name drug makers can be sued for violating antitrust laws if they make a deal to pay a potential competitor to delay selling a generic version of a brand-name medicine. But the high court's opinion stated that "large and unjustified reverse payments" [pay-for-delay] from a brand-name to a generic drug company can trigger an antitrust lawsuit. The NRLN's position is that it doesn't want to see pay-for-delay cases dragged through the courts for years while generics don't reach the market. We support passage of your bill because would ban pay-for-delay.

On February 6, the NRLN issued an Action Alert to our members asking them to email a letter to their Representatives and Senators urging support for **S. 64**, along with bills to allow Medicare to negotiate prescription drug prices and a bill to allow the importation of safe, lower priced drugs from Canada

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.

If the NRLN can be of additional assistance to help move **S. 64** out of the Committees on the Judiciary and by the Senate, 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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