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## December 7, 2021

The Honorable Anna Eshoo, Chairwoman Subcommittee on Health U.S. House of Representatives 272 Cannon House Office Building Washington, DC 20515-0518

Dear Chairwoman Eshoo:

On behalf of the more than 2 million retirees and future retirees represented by the National Retiree Legislative Network (NRLN), I am requesting that you call for votes in the Subcommittee on Health on H.R.2168, Expanded Telehealth Access Act, and H.R.2759, Pharmacy and Medically Underserved Areas Enhancement Act.

**H.R. 2168**, would expand the list of the providers eligible for Medicare reimbursement for providing care via telehealth. The use of telehealth services during this crisis has demonstrated the critical role technology can play in improving health equity. According to the Center for Disease Control, telehealth services have been particularly valuable for vulnerable populations, especially those with compromised immune systems or in rural areas far from a healthcare provider.

**H.R.2759** would encourage pharmacists to offer healthcare services such as health and wellness screenings, immunizations and diabetes management by authorizing Medicare payments for those services where pharmacists are already licensed under state law to provide them. Many states already allow pharmacists to provide these services but there currently is no way for pharmacists to receive Medicare reimbursement for providing them.

If you would like to learn more about why the NRLN supports **H.R.2168 and H.R.2759**, please contact me or Alyson Parker, NRLN Executive Director, on her cell phone at 813-545-6792 or <u>executivedirector@nrln.org</u>.

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