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December 7, 2021

The Honorable Frank Pallone, Chairman  
Committee on Energy and Commerce  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2107 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515-3006

Dear Chairman Pallone:

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 Committee on Energy and Commerce on the following two bills.

**H.R.5388, Promoting Readiness and Ensuring Proper API Reserves of Essential Medicines (PREPARE) Act of 2021**, would improve the resiliency of the U.S. pharmaceutical supply chain and fight shortages of essential drugs.

Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (APIs) are essential ingredients in the manufacturing of any pharmaceutical product. China is the world's largest producer of APIs. America's dependence on China and other foreign suppliers for essential medicines and the ingredients to make those medicines is a national security risk.

**H.R.5804, Expanding Access to Diabetes Self-Management Training Act of 2021**, would expand Medicare coverage for diabetes self-management training (DSMT) sessions, where diabetes educators help train Medicare patients on how to manage their glucose, maintain a healthy weight, eat healthy foods, manage their insulin levels and improve general care for their diabetes.

If you would like to learn more about why the NRLN supports **H.R.5388** and **H.R.5804**, please contact me or Alyson Parker, NRLN Executive Director, on her cell phone at 813-545-6792 or [executivedirector@nrln.org](mailto:executivedirector@nrln.org).

Sincerely,

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