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December 7, 2021

The Honorable Dick Durbin, Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
711 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-1304

Dear Chairman Durbin:

On behalf of the more than 2 million retirees and future retirees represented by the National Retiree Legislative Network (NRLN), I am writing to request that you call for a vote in the Committee on Judiciary on **S.1435, Affordable Prescriptions for Patients Act of 2021.**

S.1435 would curb drug companies' anti-competitive use of patents to prevent generic and biosimilar competition from coming to market. This bill specifically addresses an anti-competitive tactic known as "product hopping" and an abuse of the "patent dance" process for resolving patent infringement claims for biosimilars.

The Affordable Prescriptions for Patients Act would put an end to practices that prioritize profits for pharmaceutical companies ahead of Americans' health. By putting an end to abuses of the U.S. patent system, **S.1425** will pave the way for generics and biosimilars to compete with branded drugs, and aggressively lower drug prices for consumers in the process.

If you would like to learn more about why the NRLN supports **S.1435**, please contact me or Alyson Parker, NRLN Executive Director, on her cell phone at 813-545-6792 or executivedirector@nrln.org.

Sincerely,

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