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February 7, 2022

The Honorable Cathy McMorris Rodgers, Ranking Member
Committee on Energy and Commerce
U.S. House of Representatives
1035 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515-4705

Dear Representative McMorris Rodgers:

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 support calling for
a vote in the Committee on Energy and Commerce on
H.R.6202, Telehealth Extension Act.

This bipartisan bill ensures permanent access to telehealth
for patients across the country by ending outdated
geographic and site restrictions on where patients can
receive approved telehealth services. Following
recommendations from the nonpartisan, independent
advisory group Medicare Payment Advisory Commission
(MedPAC), the bill also temporarily extends emergency
authorities established during the COVID-19 pandemic that
authorize a wide range of providers and services via
telehealth.

The temporary extension of these authorities will prevent an
abrupt cliff in services at the end of the Public Health
Emergency (PHE) period and allow for further study of the
utilization and impact of telehealth.

I want to note that on June 8, 2021, I sent letters to the
Subcommittee on Health Chairwoman Anna Eshoo and
Ranking Member Brett Guthrie requesting a vote on
H.R.1332, Telehealth Modernization Act.

It seems to the NRLN that **H.R.6202 and H.R.1332** bills
should be combined and passed.

If you would like to learn more about why the NRLN
supports **H.R.6202 and H.R.1332**, please contact me or
Alyson Parker, NRLN Executive Director, on her cell phone
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Sincerely,

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