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January 3, 2021

The Honorable Bradley Schneider
U.S. House of Representatives
1432 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515-1310

Dear Representative Schneider

On behalf of the more than 2 million members of the National Retiree Legislative Network (NRLN), I am requesting that you re-introduce in the 117th Congress **Protecting Medicare Beneficiaries with Pre-Existing Conditions Act**. The NRLN issued an Action Alert to our members on March 3, 2020 and thousands of letters were sent to Representatives in support of your bill.

As you know, under current law, many Medicare beneficiaries desire to enroll in supplemental Medicare plans, also known as “Medigap” coverage sold by private insurance to help cover deductibles, copays and other health care expenses. These plans are not protected against pre-existing conditions after the first 12 months of enrollment in Medicare or Medicare Advantage plans.

Re-introduction and passage of **Protecting Medicare Beneficiaries with Pre-Existing Conditions Act** would extend the “guaranteed issue” without underwriting to Medicare and Medicare Advantage plans. Specifically, it would “guarantee issue” of a Medigap plan to Medicare beneficiaries and allow Medicare Advantage enrollees switching to traditional Medicare a one-time enrollment in a Medigap plan regardless of pre-existing condition and passage of time.

Sincerely,

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