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March 1, 2021

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

Dear Representative Rodgers:

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 support calling for a vote in the Committee on Energy and Commerce on **H.R. 153, Protecting Consumer Access to Generic Drugs Act of 2021**. The bill would prohibit the practice of “pay-for-delay,” in which brand name drug companies compensate generic drug makers to delay the entry of generic drugs into the market. This practice leads to decreased competition and increased drug prices for Americans.

This bill is important because it would prohibit anti-competitive agreements for both new drugs and biological products and creates a civil penalty to further discourage “pay-for-delay” agreements between name brand drug companies and generic drug makers.

If you would like to learn more about why the NRLN supports passage of **H.R. 153**, 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,

Bill Kadereit, President  
National Retiree Legislative Network