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March 1, 2021

The Honorable Ron Wyden, Chairman  
Committee on Finance  
United States Senate  
221 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510-3703

Dear Chairman Wyden:

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 a vote in the Committee on Finance on **S. 97, Medicare Dental Benefit Act of 2021**.

Enactment of this bill would repeal the statutory exclusion on Medicare coverage of dental care and dental prostheses, while creating a specific dental benefit under Medicare Part B.

Two-thirds of the elderly and individuals with disabilities in the Medicare program, often living on a fixed income, do not have oral health coverage. These beneficiaries struggle to afford and receive the oral health care services they need to stay healthy. In addition, Oral health also is directly related to COVID-19 risk, as poor oral health puts people at a higher risk of contracting and dying from the virus.

If you would like to learn more about why the NRLN supports passage of **S. 97**, 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