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June 2, 2020

The Honorable Chuck Grassley, Chairman
Committee on Finance
United States Senate
135 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-1501

Dear Chairman Grassley:

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. 2842,**
Increasing Access to Quality Cardiac Rehabilitation
Care Act of 2019. The bill has been pending in the
Committee on Finance since November 13, 2019.

Currently, only physicians are authorized to order and
supervise cardiac or pulmonary rehabilitation for
Medicare patients. This restriction can create
unnecessary obstacles, delays, and paperwork before
patients can receive the rehabilitation services that are
needed on a timely basis and make it challenging for
programs to operate in rural and underserved areas
where physicians are scarce.

S. 2842 would amend the Bipartisan Budget Act of
2018 to expand and expedite patient access to cardiac
and pulmonary rehabilitation services by authorizing
physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and clinical
nurse specialists to order patients to cardiac and
pulmonary rehabilitation under Medicare, beginning
January 1, 2021 rather than 2024.

If you would like to know more about why NRLN
supports passage of **S. 2842**, please ask a member of
your staff to contact me or Alyson Parker, the NRLN's
Executive Director in Washington, DC at 813-545-6792
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Sincerely,

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