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April 3, 2023

The Honorable Cathy McMorris Rodgers, Chair
Committee on Energy and Commerce
U.S. House of Representatives
2188 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515-4705

Dear Chairwoman McMorris Rodgers:

On behalf of the more than 2 million members of the National Retiree Legislative Network (NRLN) I am requesting that you call for a vote in the Committee on Energy and Commerce on **H.R.704, Promoting Access to Diabetic Shoes Act**.

Passage of this bill would improve diabetic patients' access to therapeutic shoes by allowing nurse practitioners (NPs) and physician associates/physician assistants (PAs) - who often act as sole primary care providers for many patients with diabetes – to prescribe this important health care device.

Diabetes is a serious disease that can lead to health complications including the amputation of toes, feet, or legs. In addition to managing the disease through physical activity, diet, and medication, diabetic patients often benefit from the use of therapeutic shoes, which are intended to prevent complications like foot ulcers, calluses, or amputations.

If you would like to learn more about why NRLN supports H.R.704, please contact me or Alyson Parker, NRLN Executive Director in Washington, DC, at executivedirector@nrln.org or call 813-545-6792.

Sincerely,

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