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June 5, 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.3008, Drug Shortage Prevention Act of 2023**.

Passage of this bill would minimize and prevent future drug shortages. It requires manufacturers to notify the FDA if they experience six consecutive weeks of an increase in product demand to minimize drug shortages and improve the FDA's predictive ability and responsiveness.

New drug shortages in the U.S. increased nearly 30% between 2021 and 2022, according to a report commissioned by the Senate that was published March 22, 2023. At the end of 2022, drug shortages experienced a record five-year high of 295 active drug shortages, according to the report. It also found that while the average drug shortage lasts about 1.5 years, more than 15 critical drug products have been in shortage for over a decade.

If you would like to learn more about why NRLN supports H.R.3008, please contact me or Alyson Parker, NRLN Executive Director in Washington, DC, at parkerstrategies@gmail.com or call 813-545-6792.

Sincerely,

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