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September 12, 2023

The Honorable Brett Guthrie, Chairman Committee Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Health U.S. House of Representatives 2434 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515-1702

Dear Chairman Guthrie:

On behalf of the more than 2 million members of the National Retiree Legislative Network (NRLN), I am requesting that you call for votes in the Subcommittee on Health on the following four bills:

H.R.1770, Equitable Community Access to Pharmacist, would ensure seniors can access certain clinical services from their pharmacist. The bill would allow Medicare to reimburse for certain pharmacist-administered tests, treatments, and vaccinations for influenza, respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), COVID-19, strep throat and other services that pharmacists are already licensed to perform under state laws.

H.R.3382, Colorectal Cancer Payment Fairness Act.
Colorectal cancer kills more than 50,000 Americans annually.
It is second only to lung cancer in U.S. cancer deaths.
H.R.3382 would require Medicare to provide coverage for removal of cancerous growths, or polyps, during colorectal cancer screenings. Medicare provides coverage of the screenings, but not the removal of the polyps. Patients could face surprise charges if polyps were removed during the procedure

H.R.3842, Expanding Access to Diabetes Self-Management Training Act of 2023. Nearly 26 million Americans are afflicted with diabetes and another 79 million have prediabetes, a condition that is known to progress to diabetes without early intervention, according to the CDC. **H.R.3842** would expand Medicare coverage for diabetes selfmanagement training sessions, where diabetes educators train Medicare patients on how to manage their glucose, maintain a healthy weight, eat healthy foods, manage their insulin levels, and improve general care for their diabetes.

H.R.3876, Access to Genetic Counselor Services Act of 2023. Medical professionals recognize the need for genetic testing and genetic counseling to help their patients. Medicare does not recognize genetic counselors as providers and does not reimburse for genetic counselor services. **H.R.3876** would make genetic counselors recognized by Medicare and reimburse them for services delivered to Medicare beneficiaries at 85% of physician payment levels. If you would like to learn more about why NRLN supports these bills, please contact me or Alyson Parker, NRLN Executive Director in Washington, DC, at <u>parkerstrategies@gmail.com</u> or call 813-545-6792.

Sincerely, Bill Kadereit

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