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May 12, 2025

The Honorable Bernie Sanders, Ranking Member Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions United States Senate 332 Dirksen Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510

## Dear Senator Sanders:

On behalf of the more than 2 million members of the National Retiree Legislative Network (NRLN), I am requesting that you support calling for a vote in the Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions on S.988, Women's Retirement Protection Act.

Passage of this bill would protect women's retirement savings by establishing spousal protections, similar to those that are available for defined benefit plans for defined contribution plans like a 401(k). This will prevent one spouse from making decisions that might undermine a couple's retirement resources (such as loans, early distributions, etc.) without the other's knowledge and consent.

In addition, the bill would Increase financial literacy for women by providing grants for community-based organizations to help make sure women receive the qualified retirement benefits they are entitled to following a divorce or legal separation via a Qualified Domestic Relations Order (QDRO).

If you would like to learn more about why NRLN supports this bill, 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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