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August 18, 2025

The Honorable Jason Smith, Chairman
Committee on Ways and Means
U.S. House of Representatives
1011 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Smith:

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 Committee on Ways and Means on the following bills:

H.R.1406, Lung Cancer Screening and Prevention Act of 2025, would expedite the approval process of new lung cancer screening tests approved by the Food and Drug Administration. Under current law, lung cancer screening tests must be approved by both the FDA and the United States Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) which can add layers of unnecessary red tape before the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) may consider the tests for coverage. The current USPSTF review process is also cumbersome and can take up to five years, preventing new and potentially life-saving screenings from expeditiously coming to the market.

The immense burden of lung cancer mortality in the U.S. is due in large part to the fact most of these cancers — 81 percent — are diagnosed at a late stage, when treatment options are limited, and only 20 percent of patients are expected to live only five years. Lung cancer can be highly treatable if detected at an early stage and before it has spread.

H.R.1667, Acupuncture for Our Seniors Act of 2025, would ensure that seniors have access to all available treatment options for conditions like chronic pain. This bill would increase access to acupuncture in our health care system by ensuring that licensed acupuncturists can participate as providers in Medicare so that seniors have this effective treatment option available to them.

Federal research has concluded that acupuncture can be an effective treatment and a safe non-drug alternative for the millions of Americans experiencing chronic pain and recovery from substance abuse. Medicare has acknowledged the value of acupuncture by issuing a National Coverage Determination for chronic lower back pain. However, licensed acupuncturists are still prohibited from being Medicare providers.

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 parkerstrategies@gmail.com or call 813-545-6792.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill Kadereit". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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Representative Vern Buchanan (FL-16) H.R.1406

Representative Judy Chu (CA-28) H.R.1667