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September 8, 2025

The Honorable Frank Pallone, Ranking Member
Committee on Energy and Commerce
U.S. House of Representatives
2107 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515-3006

Dear Representative Pallone:

On behalf of the more than 2 million members of the National Retiree Legislative Network (NRLN), I am requesting that you support calling for votes in the Committee on Energy and Commerce on the following bills:

H.R.2495, Nutrition Care Act, would expand access to medical care for Medicare beneficiaries with eating disorders by including coverage of outpatient medical nutrition therapy through Medicare Part B, which will provide patients with a more comprehensive, specialized approach to combating eating disorders than what is currently offered under Medicare. Physicians, registered dietitians, nutrition specialists, and mental health professionals would be allowed to provide medical nutrition therapy services to Medicare beneficiaries. Currently, Medicare beneficiaries who have an eating disorder can access psychiatric therapy and medical services.

H.R.3665, Medicare Economic Security Solutions Act. Many individuals are automatically enrolled in Medicare Part B when they turn 65 if they are already receiving Social Security benefits. However, as more people delay retirement and defer Social Security, they are often unaware they must actively enroll in Medicare. This lack of awareness can lead to costly enrollment mistakes, including lifetime late enrollment penalties and lapses in healthcare coverage.

Currently, over 700,000 Medicare beneficiaries face these penalties, which can increase their monthly premiums by an average of 30%. This bill would address these issues by simplifying and improving the Medicare enrollment process. The legislation proposes capping the late enrollment penalty at 15% and limiting how long it can be applied. It also removes penalties for individuals who delay enrollment due to COBRA or VA coverage - groups previously penalized despite having legitimate health coverage.

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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