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February 9, 2026

The Honorable Ron Wyden, Ranking Member
Committee on Finance
United States Senate
221 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-3703

Dear Senator Wyden:

On behalf of the more than 2 million retirees and future
retirees represented by the National Retiree Legislative
Network (NRLN), I am requesting that you support calling
for a vote in the Committee on Finance on **S. 1996,
Medicare Audiology Access Improvement Act of 2025.**

S.1996 would expand seniors' access to audiology and
hearing services. Under current Medicare rules, seniors
are unable to access the full range of services that
independent audiologists provide. This bill would allow
independent audiologists to directly bill Medicare for
services that are already covered under the law and within
their existing scope of practice. The bill also makes
technical changes to remove the pre-treatment order
requirement, which does not exist with any other federal
or commercial payer, and further clarifies that audiologists
can provide these services at Rural Health Centers and
Federally Qualified Health Centers

To learn more about why the NRLN supports this bill
please ask a member of your staff to contact me or
Alyson Parker, the NRLN's Executive Director in
Washington, DC at 813-545-6792 or
executivedirector@nrln.org.

The NRLN's full Legislative Agenda and detailed
whitepapers can be found at www.nrln.org. Your
consideration on these issues would be appreciated.

Sincerely,

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