



June 6, 2014

The Honorable Kathleen Sebelius
Secretary
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
200 Independence Ave SW
Washington, DC 20201

Dear Secretary Sebelius,

On behalf of the 43 undersigned organizations representing the Nursing Community coalition, we would like to sincerely thank you for your service as Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). Collectively, the Nursing Community represents nearly one million registered nurses, advanced practice registered nurses, nurse executives, and nursing students, faculty, and researchers. Our organizations collaborate to advance sound policy decisions that promote improvements to our nation's health. We commend your leadership and dedication to improving the quality of, and access to, health care for individuals across the country as our nation continues to realize efforts that support this mission.

During your tenure at HHS, you have been responsible for the implementation of innovative, patient-centered models of care through the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act that aim to improve health outcomes and quality of life. These care delivery models rely on the nursing profession to both lead and collaborate in interdisciplinary settings to provide the full array of healthcare services. We respect and appreciate your work to support our profession to help meet the growing demand for these services.

Again, we thank you for your service as HHS Secretary and wish you the best in your future endeavors. If our organizations can be of any assistance as you continue your career, please contact the Convener of the Nursing Community, Dr. Suzanne Miyamoto, at Smiyamoto@aacn.nche.edu or 202-463-6930, ext. 247.

Sincerely,

Academy of Medical-Surgical Nurses
American Academy of Ambulatory Care Nursing
American Academy of Nursing
American Assembly for Men in Nursing
American Association of Colleges of Nursing
American Association of Nurse Anesthetists
American Association of Nurse Assessment Coordination

American Association of Nurse Practitioners
American College of Nurse-Midwives
American Nurses Association
American Organization of Nurse Executives
American Pediatric Surgical Nurses Association
American Psychiatric Nurses Association
American Society for Pain Management Nursing
American Society of PeriAnesthesia Nurses
Association of Community Health Nursing Educators
Association of Nurses in AIDS Care
Association of periOperative Registered Nurses
Association of Public Health Nurses
Association of Rehabilitation Nurses
Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses
Commissioned Officers Association of the U.S. Public Health Service
Dermatology Nurses' Association
Gerontological Advanced Practice Nurses Association
Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association
Infusion Nurses Society
International Society of Psychiatric Nursing
National Association of Clinical Nurse Specialists
National Association of Hispanic Nurses
National Association of Neonatal Nurse Practitioners
National Association of Neonatal Nurses
National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners
National Black Nurses Association
National Forum of State Nursing Workforce Centers
National Nursing Centers Consortium
National Organization for Associate Degree Nursing
National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties
Nurses Organization of Veterans Affairs
Oncology Nursing Society
Public Health Nursing Section, American Public Health Association
Society of Urologic Nurses and Associates
The Quad Council of Public Health Nursing Organizations
Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nurses Society