July 23, 2014

The Honorable Bob Casey  
U.S. Senate  
393 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC, 20510

The Honorable Orrin G. Hatch  
U.S. Senate  
104 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senators Casey and Hatch,

On behalf of the 30 undersigned national nursing organizations, we write to express our support for the Emergency Medical Services for Children Reauthorization Act of 2014 (S. 2154). Collectively, our organizations represent registered nurses, advanced practice registered nurses, nurse faculty, researchers, and students.

Reauthorizing the Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) program through Fiscal Year 2019 will help ensure all children have access to emergency healthcare services. For 30 years, the EMSC program has worked to safeguard the lives of children suffering from severe illness or trauma through grants to train providers, including nurses, and emergency department staff, fill research gaps, examine innovative care models, and build research infrastructure. EMSC is the only federal program which focuses exclusively on improving pediatric services for the thirty million children who receive emergency care each year and continued support is critical to protecting the health of this vulnerable population.

Our organizations would like to thank you for your leadership in this matter and support your work to reauthorize the EMSC program through S. 2154. If our organizations can be of any assistance on this legislation, please contact the Emergency Nurses Association’s Chief Government Relations Officer, Richard Mereu, at richard.mereu@ena.org.

Sincerely,

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 Critical-Care Nurses  
American Association of Heart Failure Nurses  
American Association of Neuroscience Nurses  
American College of Nurse-Midwives  
American Nurses Association  
American Pediatric Surgical Nurses Association  
American Psychiatric Nurses Association  
American Society of PeriAnesthesia Nurses  
Association of Community Health Nursing Educators  
Association of Nurses in AIDS Care  
Association of Women’s Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses
Developmental Disabilities Nurses Association
Emergency Nurses Association
Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association
Infusion Nurses Society
International Society of Psychiatric Nursing
National American Arab Nurses Association
National Association of Clinical Nurse Specialists
National Association of Neonatal Nurse Practitioners
National Association of Neonatal Nurses
National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners
National Association of School Nurses
National Nursing Centers Consortium
Oncology Nursing Society
Pediatric Endocrinology Nursing Society
Preventive Cardiovascular Nurses Association