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The Honorable Sylvia Mathews Burwell
Secretary
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
200 Independence Ave, SW
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Dear Secretary Burwell,

On behalf of the 49 undersigned organizations representing the Nursing Community, we would like to congratulate you on your appointment as Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). Collectively, our organizations represent over one million registered nurses, advanced practice registered nurses, nurse faculty, researchers, and students, and we are committed to promoting efforts that advance the health of our nation through nursing care.

We are confident that your leadership will continue to promote the efforts of HHS and in particular the work surrounding the implementation of the Affordable Care Act. Your previous roles within the Administration have showcased your expertise within the policy sector. This is vital as the department continues to strengthen the foundation of health care, increase access, and develop innovations that support the healthcare workforce. Our organizations look forward to continuing to work collaboratively with HHS to promote interprofessional, patient-centered care to ensure the highest-quality of services for our nation.

Again, we extend well-deserved congratulations to you on your confirmation and are certain HHS will continue to thrive under your leadership. If our organizations can be a resource to you, please do not hesitate to contact the Convener of the Nursing Community, Dr. Suzanne Miyamoto, at Smiyamoto@aacn.nche.edu or 202-463-6930, ext. 247. Additionally, we have included the contact information of key representatives of the undersigned organizations, should you require specific content in a variety of nursing specialties.

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