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Rear Admiral (RADM) Sylvia Trent-Adams
Chief Nurse Officer of the United States Public Health Service
Health Resources and Services Administration
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Rockville, MD 20857

Dear RADM Trent-Adams,

On behalf of the 49 undersigned organizations representing the Nursing Community coalition, we would like to congratulate you on your appointment as the Chief Nurse Officer of the United States Public Health Service (USPHS). Collectively, our organizations represent nearly 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 the USPHS, and in particular the Nurse Corps, to ensure that communities across the country are equipped with highly-qualified clinicians who provide critical public health services. This is essential in the national effort to support a healthcare delivery system emphasizing the role of community-based, prevention-focused initiatives.

Moreover, your expertise not only within the public health arena, but in research, health policy, and Veterans’ issues, as well as your current role as the Deputy Associate Administrator in the HIV/AIDS Bureau, translates into a comprehensive understanding of the multi-faceted nature of our healthcare delivery system. This is vital to your work in advising the Office of the Surgeon General on how to best utilize nursing resources on the ground level.

Again, we extend well-deserved congratulations to you on this momentous achievement, and are certain the Nurse Corps will continue to thrive under your leadership. If our organizations can be of resource to you, please do not hesitate to contact 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 Critical-Care Nurses
American Association of Neuroscience Nurses
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
Developmental Disabilities Nurses Association
Emergency Nurses Association
Gerontological Advanced Practice Nurses Association
Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association
Infusion Nurses Society
International Association of Forensic Nurses
International Society of Psychiatric Nursing
National American Arab Nurses Association
National Association of Clinical Nurse Specialists
National Association of Hispanic Nurses
National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners
National Association of School Nurses
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
Pediatric Endocrinology Nursing Society
Preventative Cardiovascular Nurses Association
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