



October 11, 2018

The Honorable Richard Shelby
Chairman
Appropriations Committee
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Rodney Frelinghuysen
Chairman
Appropriations Committee
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Patrick Leahy
Vice Chairman
Appropriations Committee
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Nita Lowey
Ranking Member
Appropriations Committee
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairmen Shelby and Frelinghuysen, Vice Chairman Leahy, and Ranking Member Lowey:

The Nursing Community Coalition applauds your commitment and efforts to ensure continued investments for nursing education and research were included in H.R. 6157, the Departments of Defense, Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Act and Continuing Appropriations Act of 2019, which led to the successful passage and signature of this vital funding package signed by the president. The appropriations outlined in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 spending minibus, especially the \$249.472 million for the Title VIII Nursing Workforce Development Programs and \$162.992 million for the National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR, one of the 27 institutes and centers within the National Institutes of Health), highlight the committee's commitment to strengthening the programs that drive the nation's nursing workforce and research.

The Title VIII programs act as a critical pipeline ensuring communities across the nation, particularly in rural and underserved areas, have access to care. The funding provided in this minibus reflects a strategic investment in the health of our nation today and into the future. This commitment to the nation's nursing workforce is rightfully coupled with an increase to nursing research. The studies funded by NINR are aimed at improving care models and reducing patient burden across the life continuum. As a profession driven by evidence, supporting nursing research is essential to continually improving health care in our country.

The members of the Nursing Community Coalition thank the Senate and House Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Subcommittee Chairs Senator Roy Blunt (R-MO) and Representative Tom Cole (R-OK), and Ranking Members Patty Murray (D-WA) and Rosa DeLauro (D-CT), along with the full Appropriations Committees for their commitment to bolster the profession and the health of our nation. The coalition looks forward to continuing to work with you to increase support nursing workforce and research programs in future fiscal years for the health of our nation.

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If our organizations can be of any assistance, or if you have any questions, please contact the Nursing Community Coalition's Executive Director, Dr. Suzanne Miyamoto, at Smiyamoto@aacnnursing.org or at 202-463-6930.

Sincerely,

Academy of Medical-Surgical Nurses
American Academy of Ambulatory Care Nursing
American Academy of Nursing
American Association of Colleges of Nursing
American Association of Critical-Care Nurses
American Association of Nurse Anesthetists
American Association of Nurse Assessment Coordination
American Association of Nurse Practitioners
American College of Nurse-Midwives
American Nephrology Nurses Association
American Nurses Association
American Nursing Informatics Association
American Organization of Nurse Executives
American Pediatric Surgical Nurses Association
American Public Health Association, Public Health Nursing Section
American Psychiatric Nurses Association
American Society for Pain Management Nursing
American Society of PeriAnesthesia Nurses
Association of Community Health Nursing Educators
Association of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Nurses
Association of periOperative Registered Nurses
Association of Public Health Nurses
Association of Rehabilitation Nurses
Association of Veterans Affairs Nurse Anesthetists
Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses
Emergency Nurses Association
Friends of the National Institute of Nursing Research
Gerontological Advanced Practice Nurses Association
Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association
Infusion Nurses Society
International Association of Forensic Nurses
International Society of Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurses
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 Nurse Practitioners in Women's Health
National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners

National Association of School Nurses
National Black Nurses Association
National Council of State Boards of Nursing
National League for Nursing
National Nurse-Led Care Consortium
National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties
Nurses Organization of Veterans Affairs
Oncology Nursing Society
Organization for Associate Degree Nursing
Pediatric Endocrinology Nursing Society
Preventive Cardiovascular Nurses Association
Society of Pediatric Nurses
Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nurses Society

CC:

The Honorable Roy Blunt
The Honorable Patty Murray
The Honorable Tom Cole
The Honorable Rosa DeLauro