



November 11, 2014

The Honorable Tom Harkin
Chairman
Senate LHHSE-ED Appropriations Subcommittee
731 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Jerry Moran
Ranking Member
Senate LHHSE-ED Appropriations Subcommittee
361A Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Jack Kingston
Chairman
House LHHSE-ED Appropriations Subcommittee
2358-B Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House LHHSE-ED Appropriations Subcommittee
2413 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairmen Harkin and Kingston and Ranking Members Moran and DeLauro:

On behalf of the 47 undersigned organizations representing the Nursing Community coalition, we respectfully urge you to fully support the Nursing Workforce Development Programs (Title VIII of the Public Health Service Act [42 U.S.C. 296 et seq.]) and the National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR-one of the 27 Institutes and Centers at the National Institutes of Health) as you finalize the FY 2015 appropriations process. Collectively, the Nursing Community represents over one million registered nurses, advanced practice registered nurses, nurse faculty, researchers, and students, and is committed to promoting efforts that advance the health of our nation through nursing care. As the demand for high-quality care intensifies, there must be a firm investment in the nation's largest healthcare workforce, registered nurses.

Administered by the Health Resources and Services Administration, the Title VIII Nursing Workforce Development Programs have been instrumental in bolstering the nation's nursing pipeline for 50 years. Title VIII programs address all aspects of nursing workforce demand, including education, practice, recruitment, and retention. The federal dollars invested in Title VIII benefit not only the recipients of these programs, but more importantly the countless patients who receive exceptional care from the nurses these programs support.

Equally critical to building a robust nursing workforce is investing in the science that drives nursing practice. The work of NINR contributes to the body of evidence that improves care delivery and quality of life. Research projects funded through NINR are aimed at reducing burdensome chronic illness, improving quality of life, and promoting patient-centered care. From this perspective, NINR's unique focus on health promotion and disease prevention provide the cornerstone for advancing health and wellness.

Once again, while we understand that you are working under a challenging fiscal climate, we impress upon you the importance of supporting the health of our nation by providing full funding for the Title VIII Nursing Workforce Development Programs and NINR. If our organizations can be of any assistance,

or if you have any questions, please 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 Heart Failure Nurses
American Association of Neuroscience Nurses
American Association of Nurse Anesthetists
American Association of Nurse Practitioners
American College of Nurse-Midwives
American Nephrology Nurses Association
American Nurses Association
American Organization of Nurse Executives
American Psychiatric Nurses Association
American Society for Pain Management Nursing
American Society of PeriAnesthesia Nurses
Association for Radiologic and Imaging Nursing
Association of Community Health 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
Emergency Nurses Association
Gerontological Advance Practice Nurses Association
Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association
Infusion Nurses Society
International Association of Forensic Nurses
National Association of Clinical Nurse Specialist
National Association of Hispanic Nurses
National Association of Neonatal Nurse Practitioners
National Association of Neonatal Nurses
National Council of State Boards of Nursing
National Forum of State Nursing Workforce Centers
National Gerontological Nursing Association
National Nursing Centers Consortium
National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties
Nurses Organization of Veterans Affairs
Oncology Nursing Society
Organization for Associate Degree Nursing

Public Health Nursing Section, American Public Health Association
Society of Urologic Nurses and Associates
The National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners
Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nurses Society

CC:

The Honorable Barbara Mikulski
The Honorable Patty Murray
The Honorable Richard J. Durbin
The Honorable Mary L. Landrieu
The Honorable Jack Reed
The Honorable Mark Pryor
The Honorable Jon Tester
The Honorable Jeanne Shaheen
The Honorable Jeff Merkley
The Honorable Richard C. Shelby
The Honorable Thad Cochran
The Honorable Lamar Alexander
The Honorable Lindsey Graham
The Honorable Mark Kirk
The Honorable Mike Johanns
The Honorable John Boozman
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The Honorable Chuck Fleischmann
The Honorable David Joyce
The Honorable Andy Harris
The Honorable Martha Roby
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The Honorable Nita Lowey
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