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The Honorable David Joyce
United States House of Representatives
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Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Tulsi Gabbard
United States House of Representatives
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The Honorable Doris Matsui
United States House of Representatives
2311 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rodney Davis
United States House of Representatives
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Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Suzanne Bonamici
United States House of Representatives
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Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Patrick Meehan
United States House of Representatives
2305 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Kathy Castor
United States House of Representatives
2052 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representatives Joyce, Gabbard, Matsui, Davis, Bonamici, Meehan, and Castor,

As a coalition of national nursing organizations, the Nursing Community writes to thank you for introducing the Title VIII Nursing Workforce Reauthorization Act, which will reauthorize the Health Resources and Services Administration's Nursing Workforce Development programs (authorized under Title VIII of the *Public Health Service Act* [42 U.S.C. 296 et. seq]) through fiscal year 2022. The Nursing Community is committed to improving the health and health care of our nation by collaborating to support the education and practice of Registered Nurses and Advanced Practice Registered Nurses. The Title VIII Nursing Workforce Reauthorization Act is a critical investment that will enhance the future of the nursing profession as it continues to provide our nation's patients with the high-quality healthcare services needed for a healthier tomorrow.

For over fifty years, Title VIII has helped to build the supply and distribution of qualified nurses to meet our nation's healthcare needs. These programs bolster nursing education at all levels, increase the number of nurses in the workforce, and provide support for institutions that educate the future nurses to ensure the demand for nursing care is met. Nurses supported through these programs go on to provide high-quality, evidence-based practice to patients in a variety of settings, including hospitals, long-term care facilities, community centers, state and local health departments, schools, workplaces,

and patient homes.

The Title VIII Nursing Workforce Reauthorization Act is vital for the sustainability of America's health as it would ensure the Nursing Workforce Development programs have a current federal authorization necessary for funding in future fiscal years. Additionally, the reauthorization includes modernizations that are in line with current nursing roles and practices.

The 56 undersigned Nursing Community organizations express staunch support for the Title VIII Nursing Workforce Reauthorization Act, as it strengthens the future of the nursing profession and thus the future health of our nation. We will work with your offices to see this legislation passed.

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 Occupational Health Nurses
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 Psychiatric Nurses Association
American Society for Pain Management Nursing
American Society of PeriAnesthesia Nurses
Association for Radiologic and Imaging Nursing
Association of Community Health Nursing Educators
Association of Nurses in AIDS Care
Association of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Nurses
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 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 American Arab Nurses Association
National Association of Clinical Nurse Specialists
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 Gerontological Nursing Association
National League for Nursing
National Nursing Centers 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
Public Health Nursing Section, American Public Health Association
Society of Pediatric Nurses
Society of Urologic Nurses and Associates