



March 15, 2018

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Labor-HHS-Education  
Appropriations Committee  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Labor-HHS-Education  
Appropriations Committee  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Roy Blunt  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Labor-HHS-Education  
Appropriations Committee  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Patty Murray  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Labor-HHS-Education  
Appropriations Committee  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairmen Cole and Blunt and Ranking Members DeLauro and Murray:

On behalf of the 56 undersigned organizations representing the Nursing Community Coalition, we request your support of **\$244 million for the Nursing Workforce Development programs (Title VIII of the Public Health Service Act [42 U.S.C. 296 et seq.])** and **\$170 million for the National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR, National Institutes of Health) in Fiscal Year (FY) 2019**. At a time when non-defense discretionary funding is particularly vulnerable to impending cuts, we respectfully ask you to safeguard the public's well-being by ensuring that federal investments for healthcare and research are sustained.

Collectively, the Nursing Community Coalition represents over one million registered nurses, advanced practice registered nurses, nurse faculty, researchers, and students. The coalition 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 are instrumental in bolstering and sustaining the nation's nursing pipeline. Title VIII programs address all aspects of the nursing workforce demand, including education, practice, recruitment, retention, and most importantly, increasing access to care to communities that need it most, those in rural and underserved areas. It is critically important that these programs continue to have individual line items which include:

- Advanced Nursing Education (Sec. 811), which includes the Advanced Education Nursing Traineeships and Nurse Anesthetist Traineeships
- Nursing Workforce Diversity (Sec. 821)

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- Nurse Education, Practice, Quality, and Retention (Sec. 831)
- NURSE Corps Loan Repayment and Scholarship Programs (Sec. 846)
- Nurse Faculty Loan Program (Sec. 846A)
- Comprehensive Geriatric Education (Sec. 855)

For 30 years, scientific endeavors funded NINR have been integral to advancing the health of individuals, families, and communities. True to NINR's mission, research projects funded through this institute are aimed at reducing burdensome chronic illness, improving end of life care, and promoting patient-centered care across the life continuum. Additionally, NINR funded-research contributes to make advancements in genomics, precision medicine, and team science.

We want to impress upon you the importance of supporting the future health of our nation by providing \$244 million for the Nursing Workforce Development Programs and \$170 million for the National Institute of Nursing Research. 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](mailto:Smiyamoto@aacnnursing.org) or at 202-463-6930, ext. 247.

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 Heart Failure 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 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 Veterans Affairs Nurse Anesthetists  
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  
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 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 Forum of State Nursing Workforce Centers  
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 Mike Simpson  
The Honorable Steve Womack  
The Honorable Chuck Fleischmann  
The Honorable Andy Harris  
The Honorable Martha Roby  
The Honorable Jaime Herrera Beutler  
The Honorable John Moolenaar  
The Honorable Lucille Royal-Allard  
The Honorable Barbara Lee  
The Honorable Mark Pocan  
The Honorable Katherine Clark

The Honorable Thad Cochran  
The Honorable Richard Shelby  
The Honorable Lamar Alexander  
The Honorable Lindsey Graham  
The Honorable Jerry Moran  
The Honorable Shelley Moore Capito  
The Honorable James Lankford  
The Honorable John Kennedy  
The Honorable Marco Rubio  
The Honorable Richard Durbin  
The Honorable Jack Reed  
The Honorable Jeanne Shaheen  
The Honorable Jeff Merkley  
The Honorable Brian Schatz  
The Honorable Tammy Baldwin  
The Honorable Chris Murphy  
The Honorable Joe Manchin