



June 27, 2018—The Nursing Community Coalition (NCC) applauds the House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Health for their continued commitment to increasing access to nursing care. Today, the Title VIII Nursing Workforce Reauthorization Act (H.R. 959) was passed out of the Subcommittee by a voice vote. H.R. 959 would reauthorize the Nursing Workforce Development Programs (authorized under Title VIII of the Public Health Service Act [42 U.S.C. 296 et. seq]) through Fiscal Year 2023.

The 51 members of the NCC that have supported this legislation thank the House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Health Chairman Michael Burgess (R-TX) and Ranking Member Gene Green (D-TX) for their efforts to move H.R. 959 forward. The NCC has worked closely with the House Nursing Caucus co-chairs, Representatives David Joyce (R-OH) and Tulsi Gabbard (D-HI), as well as the vice co-chairs, Representatives Rodney Davis (R-IL) and Suzanne Bonamici (D-OR), to advance this important legislation. We commend the sponsor of H.R. 959, Representative David Joyce (R-OH), along with the original cosponsors, Representatives Tulsi Gabbard (D-HI), Doris Matsui (D-CA), Rodney Davis (R-IL), Suzanne Bonamici (D-OR), and Kathy Castor (D-FL), for their dedication to ensuring high-quality, cost-effective nursing care reaches every corner of the country.

For over fifty years, the Title VIII programs have helped to build the supply and distribution of qualified nurses. These programs bolster nursing education at all levels, increase the number of nurses in the workforce, and provide support to institutions that educate future nurses. These programs are tailored to focus on care delivery for those living in rural and medically underserved communities. Title VIII is successful in both the short- and long-term as they are flexible in addressing the nation's top health care concerns, such as the opioid epidemic. We will remain active partners to ensure this legislation is passed in the 115th Congress.

The Nursing Community Coalition includes 60 national nursing organizations that are the cross section of education, practice, research, and regulation within the profession. Collectively, the coalition represents over one million registered nurses, advanced practice registered nurses, nurse faculty, nurse executives, researchers, and students. The coalition is committed to promoting efforts that advance the health of our nation through nursing care.

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