



September 5, 2019

The Honorable Lamar Alexander  
Chairman  
Committee on Health Education,  
Labor, and Pensions  
United States Senate  
428 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Patty Murray  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Health Education,  
Labor, and Pensions  
United States Senate  
428 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Alexander and Ranking Member Murray,

On behalf of all 62 Nursing Community Coalition (NCC) member organizations we respectfully urge the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee to consider and advance Title VIII Nursing Workforce Reauthorization Act of 2019 (S.1399) this year. S. 1399 is a bipartisan bill that 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 2024. As the cross section of education, practice, research, and regulation, the NCC recognizes the immense value these programs have on nursing students, the nursing profession, patients, and communities across the country. That is why passing S.1399, Title VIII Nursing Workforce Reauthorization, is the NCC's number one priority.

Title VIII Nursing Workforce Development Programs bolster nursing education at all levels, support institutions that educate future nurses, recruit and retain the nursing workforce, and are essential to ensuring the demand for nursing care is met, especially in rural and underserved areas. These programs are crucial to ensuring that we are able to connect patients with high-quality care across a variety of settings including in community health centers, hospitals, long-term care facilities, local and state health departments, schools, workplaces, and patients' homes. S. 1399, reinforces the lasting impact Title VIII programs have, while making slight modifications that reflect the current health care needs of our nation.

The NCC appreciates the Committee's continued commitment to the nursing profession and encourages the swift consideration and advancement of S.1399- Title VIII Nursing Workforce Reauthorization Act of 2019. The NCC looks forward to working with the Committee on this essential issue and if we can be of any assistance to you or your staff, please do not hesitate to contact the coalition's Executive Director, Rachel Stevenson, at [rstevenson@thenursingcommunity.org](mailto:rstevenson@thenursingcommunity.org) or 202-463-6930, ext. 271.

Sincerely,

Academy of Medical-Surgical Nurses  
American Academy of Ambulatory Care Nursing  
American Academy of Emergency Nurse Practitioners  
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 Practitioners  
American Association of Occupational Health Nurses  
American Association of Post-Acute Care Nursing  
American College of Nurse-Midwives  
American Nephrology Nurses Association  
American Nurses Association  
American Nursing Informatics Association  
American Organization for Nursing Leadership  
American Pediatric Surgical Nurses Association, Inc.  
American Public Health Association, Public Health Nursing Section  
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  
Chi Eta Phi Sorority, Incorporated  
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 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 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  
Society of Urologic Nurses and Associates  
Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nurses Society

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