January 31, 2019

Dear Representatives Joyce, Gabbard, Bonamici, Davis, Matsui, Castor, McKinley and Underwood:

On behalf of the 41 undersigned organizations representing the Nursing Community Coalition (NCC), we would like to thank you for introducing the Title VIII Nursing Workforce Reauthorization Act of 2019 (H.R. 728). The members of the NCC represent the cross section of education, practice, research, and regulation within the nursing profession and fully support this legislation’s goal to reauthorize the Nursing Workforce Development Programs. Representing a profession of more than four million licensed Registered Nurses, Advanced Practice Registered Nurses, nurse executives, nursing students, faculty, and researchers, the NCC embodies the drive and passion to continually improve care for patients, families, and communities.

This legislation is vital to the sustainability of America’s health as it would ensure the Nursing Workforce Development Programs have a current federal authorization necessary for securing funding in future fiscal years. As you are acutely aware, these programs bolster nursing education at all levels, support institutions that educate future nurses, help recruit and retain the nursing workforce, and are essential to ensuring the demand for nursing care is met throughout this nation, especially in rural and underserved areas. The NCC is committed to working with you to improve the health of our nation by supporting Title VIII reauthorization.
Again, we commend the introduction of H.R.728, the Nursing Workforce Reauthorization Act of 2019 and appreciate your commitment to America’s nurses and these invaluable nursing workforce programs. We pledge our continued support to ensure swift Congressional action on the legislation this year. If the Nursing Community Coalition 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 or 202-463-6930, ext. 271.

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 Nurse Anesthetists
American Association of Nurse Practitioners
American Association of Post-Acute Care Nursing
American College of Nurse-Midwives
American Nephrology Nurses Association
American Nurses Association
American Organization of Nurse Executives
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 periOperative Registered Nurses
Association of Public Health Nurses
Association of Women’s Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses
Chi Eta Phi Sorority, Incorporated
Emergency Nurses Association
Friends of the National Institute of Nursing Research
Gerontological Advanced Practice Nurses Association
International Association of Forensic Nurses
International Society of Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurses
National Association of Neonatal Nurses
National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners
National Association of School Nurses
National Council of State Boards of Nursing
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
Society of Pediatric Nurses