



September 26, 2017

The Honorable Thad Cochran
Chairman
Appropriations Committee
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Patrick Leahy
Vice Chairman
Appropriations Committee
United States Senate
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The Honorable Roy Blunt
Chairman
LHHS-ED Appropriations Subcommittee
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Patty Murray
Ranking Member
LHHS-ED Appropriations Subcommittee
United States Senate
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Dear Chairmen Cochran and Blunt, Vice Chairman Leahy, and Ranking Member Murray:

The Nursing Community Coalition would like to thank the full Senate Appropriations Committee and the Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education (LHHS-ED) Subcommittee for providing \$234.472 million for 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.]) as well as providing \$155.210 million for the National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR), one of the 27 Institutes and Centers within the National Institutes of Health.

The Nursing Community Coalition, comprised of 65 national nursing organizations, is the largest coalition representing nursing constituencies in America and represents the cross section of education, practice, research, and regulation within the nursing profession. We believe that the healthcare delivery system should be one that promotes wellness, advances research through scientific discover, and provides timely access to care. As a result, we know first-hand the critical assistant Title VIII and NINR funding affords.

The Nursing Community Coalition recognizes the challenging fiscal climate and the difficult decisions that must be made by your Committees. We would like to thank you again for providing funding for these vital programs. If the Nursing Community Coalition can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the Coalition's Executive Director, Dr. Suzanne Miyamoto, at smiyamoto@aacnnursing.org or at 202-463-6930, ext. 247.

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