



April 24, 2018

The Honorable Nita Lowey
United States House of Representatives
2365 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Lowey,

On behalf of the 45 undersigned organizations representing the Nursing Community Coalition, we would like to thank you for introducing the United States Nurse Corps Equity Act (H.R. 1168). The members of the Nursing Community Coalition are the cross section of education, practice, research, and regulation within the nursing profession and fully support this legislation which would provide recognition to the nurses who served as members of the United States Cadet Nurse Corps during World War II. The coalition is committed to advancing legislation that supports the nation's nurses and this legislation exceeds that goal by supporting the commitment of those who served during one of the nation's most critical hours.

This year marks the 75th Anniversary of the first class of nurses who served in the United States Cadet Corps starting on July 1, 1943. Over 110,000 nurses honorably served to care for America's service men and women. As the average age of these nurses increases, the time left to act dwindles and the importance of passing this legislation intensifies. The Nursing Community Coalition commends your commitment and efforts to honor our nation's nurses who answered the call to action.

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, Dr. Suzanne Miyamoto, at smiyamoto@aacnnursing.org or 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 Neuroscience Nurses
American Association of Nurse Assessment Coordination
American Association of Nurse Practitioners
American Nephrology Nurses Association
American Nurses Association
American Nursing Informatics Association
American Organization of Nurse Executives

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American Psychiatric Nurses Association
American Society for Pain Management Nursing
American Society of PeriAnesthesia Nurses
Association of Community Health Nursing Educators
Association of Nurses in AIDS Care
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 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
Society of Pediatric Nurses

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The Honorable Leonard Lance
The Honorable Betty McCollum
The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
The Honorable Debbie Dingell
The Honorable Eliot Engel
The Honorable Alan Lowenthal

The Honorable Tim Ryan
The Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
The Honorable James McGovern
The Honorable Madeleine Bordallo
The Honorable William Keating
The Honorable Jared Polis