



September XX, 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
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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 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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