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Lance Allen Robertson, MPA  
Assistant Secretary for Aging  
Administration on Aging  
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
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Dear Assistant Secretary Robertson,

On behalf of the Nursing Community coalition, we would like to congratulate you on your appointment as Assistant Secretary for Aging of the Administration on Aging (AOA). We look forward to working with you and your staff as you lead an agency that is vital to ensuring healthcare services reaches the needs of our nation's vulnerable elderly population and promotes health for all aging Americans.

The Nursing Community includes 65 members that are 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 discovery, and provides timely access to care across the continuum. With over four million licensed Registered Nurses (RNs), Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs), and nursing students, the profession embodies the drive and passion to continually improve care for patients, families, and communities.

For years, our coalition has worked to promote policies that would allow nurses to care for the aging population to the full extent of their professional training. We are committed to help meet the AOA's goal of ensuring greater healthcare services to the elderly and we stand ready to help advance AOA initiatives that aim to maximize the role of all providers in this care.

The unique partnership the Nursing Community coalition has created with our members allows our national organizations to unite on shared agendas and to promote America's health through nursing care. We welcome the opportunity to meet with you directly and share our collective priorities. In the meantime, if the Nursing Community can be of any assistance please do not hesitate to contact the Coalition's Executive Director, Dr. Suzanne Miyamoto at [smiyamoto@aacnnursing.org](mailto:smiyamoto@aacnnursing.org) or at 202-463-6930, ext. 247.

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