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U.S. Department of Health & Human Services
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Dear Dr. Adams,

On behalf of the Nursing Community Coalition, we would like to congratulate you on your appointment as the Surgeon General of the United States. We pledge to work with you in this role to promote wellness and public health nationwide.

The Nursing Community Coalition 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.

Since its foundation, the Nursing Community Coalition's goal has been to build consensus and advocate on a wide spectrum of policy issues. Nurses are an integral link to all aspects of care. Whether in remote rural areas or large urban cities, RNs and APRNs are proven, high-quality providers who lead and partner to ensure successful care continuity and transitions. We are confident you will lead the United States Public Health Service to achieving the highest protection, promotion, and advancement of the health and safety of our nation. We are ready to work with you and your staff on these and more specific priorities.

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 or at 202-463-6930, ext. 247.

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