



January 31, 2019

The Honorable David Joyce  
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Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Tulsi Gabbard  
United States House of Representatives  
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The Honorable Rodney Davis  
United States House of Representatives  
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The Honorable Suzanne Bonamici  
United States House of Representatives  
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The Honorable David McKinley  
United States House of Representatives  
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The Honorable Doris Matsui  
United States House of Representatives  
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The Honorable Kathy Castor  
United States House of Representatives  
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Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Lauren Underwood  
United States House of Representatives  
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Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representatives Joyce, Gabbard, Bonamici, Davis, Matsui, Castor, McKinley and Underwood:

On behalf of the 41 undersigned organizations representing the Nursing Community Coalition (NCC), we would like to thank you for introducing the Title VIII Nursing Workforce Reauthorization Act of 2019 (H.R. 728). The members of the NCC represent the cross section of education, practice, research, and regulation within the nursing profession and fully support this legislation's goal to reauthorize the Nursing Workforce Development Programs. Representing a profession of more than four million licensed Registered Nurses, Advanced Practice Registered Nurses, nurse executives, nursing students, faculty, and researchers, the NCC embodies the drive and passion to continually improve care for patients, families, and communities.

This legislation is vital to the sustainability of America's health as it would ensure the Nursing Workforce Development Programs have a current federal authorization necessary for securing funding in future fiscal years. As you are acutely aware, these programs bolster nursing education at all levels, support institutions that educate future nurses, help recruit and retain the nursing workforce, and are essential to ensuring the demand for nursing care is met throughout this nation, especially in rural and underserved areas. The NCC is committed to working with you to improve the health of our nation by supporting Title VIII reauthorization.

Again, we commend the introduction of H.R.728, the Nursing Workforce Reauthorization Act of 2019 and appreciate your commitment to America's nurses and these invaluable nursing workforce programs. We pledge our continued support to ensure swift Congressional action on the legislation this year. 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, Rachel Stevenson, at [rstevenson@thenursingcommunity.org](mailto:rstevenson@thenursingcommunity.org) or 202-463-6930, ext. 271.

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 Heart Failure Nurses  
American Association of Nurse Anesthetists  
American Association of Nurse Practitioners  
American Association of Post-Acute Care Nursing  
American College of Nurse-Midwives  
American Nephrology Nurses Association  
American Nurses Association  
American Organization of Nurse Executives  
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 periOperative Registered Nurses  
Association of Public Health Nurses  
Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses  
Chi Eta Phi Sorority, Incorporated  
Emergency Nurses Association  
Friends of the National Institute of Nursing Research  
Gerontological Advanced Practice Nurses Association  
International Association of Forensic Nurses  
International Society of Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurses  
National Association of Neonatal Nurses  
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  
Pediatric Endocrinology Nursing Society  
Society of Pediatric Nurses