



Nursing Community Coalition Applauds Inclusion of Provisions Supporting Nurses in House-Passed Build Back Better Act and Urges Swift Senate Action

November 19, 2021 – The Nursing Community Coalition (NCC) commends the House of Representatives for including priorities that address nursing education and practice in their recently passed Build Back Better Act (H.R. 5376). These essential resources are integral as we support the public health of our nation and our current and future nursing workforce. The NCC is proud to see the following provisions incorporated in the House-passed bill including:

- **Support for Nursing Education Pathways:**
 - \$500 million for nursing education enhancement and modernization grants to support the needs of nursing students, help retain and hire diverse faculty, modernize nursing education infrastructure, and create and expand clinical education.

- **Investments for Nurses and Advance Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs) working in Underserved Areas**
 - \$500 million for the Nurse Corps to support scholarships and loan repayment for nurses and APRNs who work in areas that need them the most.

- **Includes Major Provisions from the Mominibus Act, such as:**
 - \$170 million to grow and diversify the nursing workforce in maternal and perinatal health;
 - \$100 million in Maternal Mental Health Equity grant programs;
 - \$85 million in funding for education and training at health professions schools to identify and address health risks associated with climate changes, including for pregnant, lactating, postpartum or individuals who are looking to become pregnant;
 - \$50 million in funding for antidiscrimination and bias training; and millions for other programs including promoting equity in maternal health outcomes through digital tools.

Furthermore, the bill includes resources to support public health and public health infrastructure, grants for mental health programs and pandemic preparedness initiatives, as well as other provisions that aim to create a more equitable health care system. The NCC looks forward to working with the Senate and urges them to include these provisions in their version of the Build Back Better Act. We remain deeply committed to advancing these priorities that support our nursing students, nurses, APRNs, and the patients they serve.

The Nursing Community Coalition includes 63 national nursing organizations that are the cross section of education, practice, research, and regulation within the profession. Collectively, the coalition represents registered nurses, advanced practice registered nurses, nurse faculty, nurse leaders, researchers, and students, who are all vital in addressing the public health challenges facing our communities. The coalition is committed to promoting efforts that advance the health of our nation through nursing care.