



June 19, 2019 – On behalf of the Nursing Community Coalition (NCC), we commend the House of Representatives for passing H.R. 2740, the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2020, which increases investments in nursing education and research. H.R. 2740 would appropriate \$279.472 million for existing Title VIII Nursing Workforce Development Programs and new grant opportunities and allocate \$170.958 million for the National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR). The National Institutes of Health (NIH) received an additional boost of \$70 million for their National Institute on Aging for Alzheimer’s Research. This is in addition to the already allocated \$41.084 billion in overall fiscal year (FY) 2020 funding for NIH.

Title VIII programs help meet America’s healthcare needs, especially in rural and underserved areas. The additional \$30 million for nursing workforce programs, would 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. We applaud the House of Representatives for investing in the health of our nation today and into the future.

The commitment to the nation’s nursing workforce is rightfully coupled with a \$7.996 million increase to NINR and nursing research. Through this support, NINR can continue to reduce the burdens of chronic illness, improve end of life care, and promote patient-centered care across the health care continuum. As a profession driven by evidence, nursing research is vital to the well-being of all Americans.

The members of the Nursing Community Coalition thank the House Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Subcommittee Chair Representative Rosa DeLauro (D-CT) and Ranking Member Tom Cole (R-OK) along with the full Appropriations Committee for their steadfast commitment to the nursing profession and the health of our nation. We look forward to working with the Senate as the appropriations process continues.

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*The [Nursing Community Coalition](https://www.thenursingcommunity.org) includes 62 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 executives, researchers, and students. The coalition is committed to promoting efforts that advance the health of our nation through nursing care.*