



March 12, 2019

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Chairwoman  
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human  
Services, Education, and Related Agencies  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Committee on Appropriations  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human  
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Dear Chairwoman DeLauro and Ranking Member Cole:

On behalf of the 56 undersigned organizations representing the Nursing Community Coalition, we request your support of **\$266 million for the Nursing Workforce Development programs (Title VIII of the Public Health Service Act [42 U.S.C. 296 et seq.])** and **\$173 million for the National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR, National Institutes of Health) in Fiscal Year (FY) 2020**. At a time when nondefense discretionary funding is particularly vulnerable to impending cuts, we respectfully ask the subcommittee to continue its strong commitment to these essential programs and safeguard the public's well-being by ensuring that federal investments for healthcare and research are sustained.

The Nursing Community Coalition, which includes national professional nursing associations that represent the cross section of education, practice, research, and regulation, are committed to advancing the health of our nation through nursing care. As the largest segment of the healthcare workforce, there are over four million licensed Registered Nurses (RNs), Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs), and nursing students who are involved at every point of health care nationwide. We want to thank you for your leadership and recognition that there needs to be a strong investment in nursing workforce and research. It is through this steadfast commitment to funding Title VIII Nursing Workforce Development programs and NINR that propels progress in ensuring communities across the country have access to high-quality nursing care.

Administered by the Health Resources and Services Administration, the Title VIII Nursing Workforce Development programs are instrumental in bolstering and sustaining the nation's nursing pipeline. Title VIII programs address all aspects of the nursing workforce demand, including education, practice, recruitment, retention. Furthermore, these programs increase access to care in communities that need it most; those in rural and underserved areas. It is critically important that these nursing workforce programs continue to have individual line items, which includes:

- Advanced Nursing Education (Sec. 811), which includes the Advanced Education Nursing Traineeships and Nurse Anesthetist Traineeships
- Nursing Workforce Diversity (Sec. 821)

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- Nurse Education, Practice, Quality, and Retention (Sec. 831)
- NURSE Corps Loan Repayment and Scholarship Programs (Sec. 846)
- Nurse Faculty Loan Program (Sec. 846A)
- Comprehensive Geriatric Education (Sec. 865)

For more than three decades, scientific endeavors funded at NINR have been integral to advancing the health of individuals, families, and communities. As one of the 27 Institutes and Centers at the National Institutes of Health, NINR's research projects funded through this Institute are aimed at reducing burdensome chronic illness, improving end of life care, and promoting patient-centered care across the life continuum. From disease prevention and global health, to precision medicine and genomic studies, NINR is at the forefront of nursing science and research.

We urge you to **support \$266 million for the Title VIII Nursing Workforce Development Programs and \$173 million for the National Institute of Nursing Research in FY 2020** to ensure our patients and communities have access to these vital nursing education, research, and practice programs. If our organizations can be of any assistance, or if you have any questions, please contact the Nursing Community Coalition's Executive Director, Rachel Stevenson, at [rstevenson@thenursingcommunity.org](mailto:rstevenson@thenursingcommunity.org) or at 202-463-6930, ext. 271.

Sincerely,

Academy of Medical-Surgical Nurses

American Academy of Ambulatory Care Nursing

American Academy of Emergency Nurse Practitioners

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 Neuroscience 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 Nursing Informatics 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 Veterans Affairs Nurse Anesthetists

Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses

Chi Eta Phi Sorority, Incorporated  
Commissioned Officers Association of the U.S. Public Health Service  
Dermatology Nurses' Association  
Emergency Nurses Association  
Friends of the National Institute of Nursing Research  
Gerontological Advanced Practice Nurses Association  
Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association  
Infusion Nurses Society  
International Association of Forensic Nurses  
International Society of Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurses  
National Association of Clinical Nurse Specialists  
National Association of Neonatal Nurse Practitioners  
National Association of Neonatal Nurses  
National Association of Nurse Practitioners in Women's Health  
National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners  
National Association of School Nurses  
National Black Nurses Association  
National Council of State Boards of Nursing  
National Forum of State Nursing Workforce Centers  
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  
Society of Urologic Nurses and Associates  
Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nurses Society

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