



July 11, 2019—The Nursing Community Coalition (NCC) applauds the House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Health for their continued commitment to the nursing workforce. Today, the Title VIII Nursing Workforce Reauthorization Act (H.R. 728) passed out of the Subcommittee by a voice vote. H.R. 728 would reauthorize the Nursing Workforce Development Programs (Title VIII of the Public Health Service Act [42 U.S.C. 296 et. seq]) through Fiscal Year 2024. Title VIII Reauthorization is supported by all 62 members of the NCC and remains our number one priority this Congress.

The NCC thanks the House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Health, Chairwoman Anna Eshoo (D-CA), and Ranking Member Michael Burgess (R-TX) for their efforts to move Title VIII Reauthorization forward. We commend the sponsor of H.R. 728, Representative David Joyce (R-OH), along with the original cosponsors, Representatives Tulsi Gabbard (D-HI), Doris Matsui (D-CA), Rodney Davis (R-IL), Suzanne Bonamici (D-OR), Kathy Castor (D-FL), David McKinley (R-WV), and Lauren Underwood (D-IL) for their dedication to ensuring high quality nursing care reaches every corner of the country. The NCC also recognizes and appreciates the strong support of the House Nursing Caucus, including Co-Chairs, Representatives David Joyce (R-OH) and Tulsi Gabbard (D-HI), as well as the Vice Co-Chairs, Representatives Suzanne Bonamici (D-OR) and Rodney Davis (R-IL).

Additionally, the NCC thanks the Subcommittee for adopting Representative Matsui's amendment to increase Title VIII authorization levels by \$10 million and expand choice for nurses who participate in the NURSE Corps Loan Repayment Program. These additions will help to ensure that nurses have the necessary funding and flexibility to meet our nation's growing health care needs.

Title VIII Nursing Workforce Development 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 looks forward to working with the full Energy and Commerce Committee to advance this vital legislation and remains an active partner to ensure this legislation is passed in the 116th Congress.

The Nursing Community Coalition 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.

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