



June 22, 2020

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 61 undersigned organizations representing the Nursing Community Coalition, we respectfully reiterate our request of **at least \$278 million for the Nursing Workforce Development Programs (Title VIII of the Public Health Service Act [42 U.S.C. 296 et seq.]) and \$182 million for the National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR, National Institutes of Health) in Fiscal Year (FY) 2021.** We also strongly support additional supplemental funding for these programs as we continue to combat COVID-19. Through this investment, the Subcommittee would continue its strong commitment to these essential programs and safeguard the public's well-being by ensuring that federal resources for the nursing workforce, healthcare, and research are sustained.

The Nursing Community Coalition, which represents the cross section of education, practice, research, and regulation within the nursing profession, is committed to advancing the health of our nation through the nursing lens. With more than four million practitioners, nurses make up the largest group of health professionals in the United States.<sup>1</sup> The nursing workforce is involved at every point of care nationwide, which is exemplified by nurses' heroic work during the COVID-19 pandemic.

As we confront today's health care challenges and prepare for the future, increased federal investments in nursing education and the workforce, through support of Title VIII Nursing Workforce Development Programs, is imperative. Title VIII programs are instrumental in bolstering and sustaining the nation's nursing pipeline by addressing all aspects of nursing workforce demand. A prime example of this is the Title VIII Advanced Nursing Education (ANE) programs, which support APRN students and nurses to practice on the frontlines and in rural and underserved areas throughout the country. Additionally, to ensure that we have a diverse nursing workforce, Title VIII programs also increase education opportunities for nursing students from underrepresented and disadvantaged backgrounds. From the

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<sup>1</sup> National Council of State Boards of Nursing. (2020). Active RN Licenses: A profile of nursing licensure in the U.S. as of June 11, 2020. Retrieved from: <https://www.ncsbn.org/6161.htm>.

classroom to the bedside, and across a variety of settings, all Title VIII programs work to increase access to nursing care in communities that need it most.

To ensure that we have the knowledge to inform evidence-based practice and policy, we must also invest in research. As one of the 27 Institutes and Centers at the National Institutes of Health, NINR's research is 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.

Again, we urge you to **support at least \$278 million for the Title VIII Nursing Workforce Development Programs and \$182 million for the National Institute of Nursing Research in FY 2021**, and supplemental funding as we continue to address current public health challenges. Through this investment we can ensure our patients and communities have continued 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  
Academy of Neonatal Nursing  
American Academy of Nursing  
American Association of Colleges of Nursing  
American Association of Critical-Care 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 for Nursing Leadership  
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 Nurses in AIDS Care  
Association of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Nurses  
Association of periOperative Registered Nurses  
Association of Public Health Nurses  
Association of Rehabilitation 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 Hispanic Nurses  
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  
Preventive Cardiovascular Nurses Association  
Society of Pediatric Nurses  
Society of Urologic Nurses and Associates  
Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nurses Society

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