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The Honorable Paul Tonko  
United States House of Representatives  
2463 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Ben Ray Luján  
United States House of Representatives  
2231 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C, 20515

Dear Representatives Tonko and Luján,

On behalf of the 47 undersigned organizations representing the Nursing Community Coalition (NCC), we would like to thank you for your efforts to successfully include Section 303, *Allowing for More Flexibility with Respect to Medication-Assisted Treatment for Opioid Use Disorders*, in the SUPPORT for Families and Communities Act (H.R. 6). Your tenacity for improved access to treatment is deeply appreciated by the NCC.

The members of the NCC are the cross section of education, practice, research, and regulation within the nursing profession and fully support the inclusion of Advance Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs) as critical providers working to curb the opioid epidemic. With over four million licensed Registered Nurses, APRNs, and nursing students, the profession shares your drive and passion to continually improve care for patients, families, and communities. The coalition is committed to improving the health of our nation and seeing Section 303 of H.R. 6 advance in the final opioids package.

Again, we commend your vision to introduce The Addiction Treatment Access Improvement Act, and your continued fight to see H.R. 6 adopt Section 303. We appreciate your continued support of America's nurses. If the Nursing Community Coalition can be of any assistance to you please do not hesitate to contact the coalition's Executive Director, Dr. Suzanne Miyamoto, at [smiyamoto@aacnnursing.org](mailto:smiyamoto@aacnnursing.org) or 202-463-6930.

Sincerely,

Academy of Medical-Surgical Nurses  
American Academy of Ambulatory Care Nursing  
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 College of Nurse-Midwives  
American Nephrology Nurses Association  
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Association of Veterans Affairs Nurse Anesthetists  
Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses  
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Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association  
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National Association of Neonatal Nurses  
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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  
Society of Pediatric Nurses  
Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nurses Society