



May 14, 2018

The Honorable Lamar Alexander  
Chairman  
Health, Education, Labor and Pensions  
Committee  
United States Senate  
455 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Patty Murray  
Ranking Member  
Health, Education, Labor and Pensions  
Committee  
United States Senate  
154 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Alexander and Ranking Member Murray,

On behalf of the Nursing Community Coalition, we would like to express our continued commitment to work with you and the Senate HELP Committee to pass the Title VIII Nursing Workforce Reauthorization Act of 2017 (S.1109). This legislation is the keystone of the coalition's advocacy work and remains our number one priority in the 115<sup>th</sup> Congress. We applaud the committee's efforts to host a hearing next week titled "The Health Care Workforce: Addressing Shortages and Improving Care."

As you know, Title VIII has helped to build the supply and distribution of qualified nurses. These programs bolster nursing education at all levels, increase the number of nurses entering the workforce, and provide support to institutions that educate future nurses to ensure the high demand for nursing care is met. Nurses supported through these programs go on to provide high-quality, evidence-based care to patients in a variety of settings, with a particular focus on those living in rural and medically underserved communities.

The coalition looks forward to supporting the committee's efforts on this piece of legislation. If the Nursing Community Coalition can be of any assistance to you or your staff, 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, ext. 247.

Sincerely,

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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 Occupational Health Nurses  
American Association of Nurse Practitioners  
American College of Nurse-Midwives  
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Pediatric Endocrinology Nursing Society  
Preventive Cardiovascular Nurses Association  
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