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Rear Admiral (RADM) Kerry Paige Nesseler  
Director, Office of Global Health Affairs  
Health Resources and Services Administration  
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Dear RADM Nesseler,

On behalf of the 49 undersigned organizations representing the Nursing Community coalition, we sincerely thank you for your steadfast dedication to improving America's health during your tenure as the Chief Nurse Officer (CNO) of the United States Public Health Service (USPHS). Collectively, our organizations represent nearly one million registered nurses, advanced practice registered nurses, nurse faculty, researchers, and students, and are committed to promoting efforts that advance the health of our nation through nursing care.

We are honored and grateful to have had you serve in this highly-regarded role. Your extensive career prior to assuming the role of the CNO of the USPHS has undoubtedly shaped the knowledge and expertise you brought to this leadership position. As the CNO, your guidance was critical to informing public health nursing priorities for the Surgeon General and the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

This was readily apparent in your work as the chair of the task force that released the first Federal Public Health Service Nursing (FPHSN) Strategic Plan. The strategies outlined in the plan align with the goals of the U.S. Surgeon General's 2011 report, *National Prevention Strategy- America's Plan for Better Health and Wellness* and also compliments specific plans within HHS, non-HHS agencies, and Tribal health programs. Your collaboration with these entities will continue to propel the priorities set before the USPHS to advance models of care that focus on improving population health, wellness, and prevention.

Moreover, due to your guidance and direction, individuals serving in the Nurse Corps will continue to provide high-quality care for communities across the nation so that we may maximize our healthcare resources while aiming to minimize costs.

Again, thank you for your commitment and service to our profession, and more importantly, to America's patients through strengthening our public health infrastructure. If our organizations can be of any assistance, please contact Convener of the Nursing Community, Dr. Suzanne Miyamoto, at [Smiyamoto@aacn.nche.edu](mailto:Smiyamoto@aacn.nche.edu) or 202-463-6930, ext. 247.

Sincerely,

Academy of Medical-Surgical Nurses  
American Academy of Ambulatory Care Nursing

American Academy of Nursing  
American Assembly for Men in 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 Assessment Coordination  
American Association of Nurse Practitioners  
American College of Nurse-Midwives  
American Nurses Association  
American Organization of Nurse Executives  
American Pediatric Surgical Nurses Association  
American Psychiatric Nurses Association  
American Society for Pain Management Nursing  
American Society of PeriAnesthesia Nurses  
Association of Community Health Nursing Educators  
Association of Nurses in AIDS Care  
Association of periOperative Registered Nurses  
Association of Public Health Nurses  
Association of Rehabilitation Nurses  
Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses  
Commissioned Officers Association of the U.S. Public Health Service  
Dermatology Nurses' Association  
Developmental Disabilities Nurses Association  
Emergency Nurses Association  
Gerontological Advanced Practice Nurses Association  
Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association  
Infusion Nurses Society  
International Association of Forensic Nurses  
International Society of Psychiatric Nursing  
National American Arab Nurses Association  
National Association of Clinical Nurse Specialists  
National Association of Hispanic Nurses  
National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners  
National Association of School Nurses  
National Forum of State Nursing Workforce Centers  
National Nursing Centers Consortium  
National Organization for Associate Degree Nursing  
National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties  
Nurses Organization of Veterans Affairs  
Oncology Nursing Society  
Pediatric Endocrinology Nursing Society  
Preventative Cardiovascular Nurses Association  
Public Health Nursing Section, American Public Health Association  
Society of Urologic Nurses and Associates  
The Quad Council of Public Health Nursing Organizations  
Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nurses Society