



May 8, 2018

Dear members of Congress and dedicated staff,

On behalf of the 59 undersigned organizations comprising the Nursing Community Coalition (NCC), we would like to express our continued commitment to the health of the nation as we honor National Nurses Week. This year, the NCC is celebrating its 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. For the past decade, the coalition has worked to gain consensus among our organizations and advocate for policies that help to ensure cost-effective, high-quality nursing care is accessible to patients, families, and communities in every corner of the country. As we recognize this year's Nurses Week theme— *Nurses: Inspire, Innovate, Influence*, developed by the American Nurses Association, a member of the NCC— we are proud to work with members of Congress who embody these principles.

For ten years, our coalition has been inspired by the work we have accomplished together. It is the passion, expertise, and quality outcomes of nurses that have allowed for the joint pursuit of crafting policies that support the profession in order to meet care demands. Our individual member organizations and the coalition as a whole have shared with your offices innovative approaches to tackling the most pressing healthcare challenges from opioid addiction to workforce shortages. There is still more work to be done. As the nation charts new models of care, the positive impact of nurses will continue to be felt nationwide and especially in rural and medically underserved areas.

We thank you for championing the largest healthcare profession. Recognizing our 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, we know that there are many more years ahead to partner as we continue to improve America's health through nursing care. If our organization can be of any assistance, please contact the coalition's Executive Director, Dr. Suzanne Miyamoto, at [smiyamoto@aacnnursing.org](mailto:smiyamoto@aacnnursing.org), or at 202-463-6930.

Sincerely,

Academy of Medical-Surgical Nurses  
American Academy of Ambulatory Care Nursing  
American Academy of Emergency Nurse Practitioners  
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 Assessment Coordination  
American Association of Nurse Practitioners

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American Association of Occupational Health Nurses  
American College of Nurse-Midwives  
American Nephrology Nurses Association  
American Nurses Association  
American Nursing Informatics 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 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  
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  
Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nurses Society