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## **National Black Nurses Association Announces Legislative Briefs for 38th Annual Black Nurses Day on Capitol Hill**

**Silver Spring, MD** — The National Black Nurses Association (NBNA) is proud to announce its 2026 legislative policy briefs for the **38th Annual Black Nurses Day on Capitol Hill**, taking place on **Thursday, February 5, 2026**. This year's advocacy priorities align with the national theme, **“Harnessing Our Power Within: Nurses Mobilized and Advancing Health Equity Through Policy.”**

Each year, Black Nurses Day on Capitol Hill convenes hundreds of nurses, nursing students, nurse leaders, and health equity advocates from across the country. In 2026, **more than 400 nurses are expected to attend**, engaging in policy education, advocacy training, and direct meetings with Members of Congress to advance evidence-based solutions that improve health outcomes for underserved populations.

The 2026 legislative briefs reflect urgent national challenges and the lived experiences of nurses serving on the front lines of care. NBNA's policy priorities include:

- **Advancing Nursing Workforce Development and Diversity to Achieve Health Equity**
- **Ensuring Equity and Safety in AI Integration in the Nursing Workforce**
- **Environmental Impact on Health Equity in Black Communities**
- **Governmental Changes and Their Impact on Health Equity**
- **Addressing Gun Violence as a Public Health Crisis**
- **Ending the Black Maternal Mortality Crisis**
- **Advancing Mental Health Equity and Ending Stigma in Black Communities**

“NBNA nurses bring teaching, clinical, and research, expertise as well as community insight to the policy table,” said Dr. Sheldon D. Fields, President and CEO of NBNA. “These legislative briefs represent our collective voice and our commitment to advancing policies that are aligned with our association's core mission. Such policies protect patients, strengthen the nursing workforce, and move our nation closer to health equity.”

### **About the National Black Nurses Association**

Founded in 1971, the National Black Nurses Association (NBNA) represents approximately 308,000 Black registered nurses, licensed vocational/practical nurses, and nursing students in 115 chapters across the United States, the Eastern Caribbean, and Africa. NBNA's mission is to serve as the voice for Black nurses and diverse populations, promoting equity in healthcare and advancing the professional and educational development of nurses worldwide. For more information, visit [www.nbna.org](http://www.nbna.org)