



February 28, 2013

The Honorable Jack Kingston
Chairman
Labor-HHS-Education Subcommittee on Appropriations
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Labor-HHS-Education Subcommittee on Appropriations
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Tom Harkin
Chairman
Labor-HHS-Education Subcommittee on Appropriations
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Jerry Moran
Ranking Member
Labor-HHS-Education Subcommittee on Appropriations
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairmen Kingston and Harkin and Ranking Members DeLauro and Moran:

The 43 undersigned organizations representing the Nursing Community respectfully request that you preserve full funding for the Health Resources and Services Administration's Nursing Workforce Development programs (Title VIII of the *Public Health Service Act*) as you finalize the FY 2013 appropriations bills. The Nursing Community is a forum of 57 national nursing associations that builds consensus and advocates on a wide spectrum of nursing and healthcare issues. Our organizations are committed to improving the health and health care of our nation by collaborating to support the education and practice of Registered Nurses (RNs) and Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs). Collectively, the Nursing Community represents nearly one million nurses, nursing students, and nursing faculty.

For nearly five decades, the Title VIII programs have supported the education and training of America's nursing workforce, benefitting over 400,000 nurses and nursing students between FY 2005 and FY 2010 alone. More than ever, the healthcare system will rely on the nursing profession to deliver high-quality, cost-effective care in communities nationwide. According to the 2012 Bureau of Labor Statistics' Employment Projections 2010-2020, the expected number of RNs that will be needed in the

workforce will grow to 1.2 million by 2020. To meet this demand, the nursing pipeline requires steadfast federal support to bolster the number of practicing RNs and APRNs as well as nurse faculty.

We understand the difficult decisions before you concerning the fiscal climate and the challenges you face to decrease the national deficit. However, we urge you to consider the devastating impact to our nation's healthcare system, and ultimately, our patients, if funding for Title VIII is not preserved. Americans need more nursing care and cuts to Title VIII would jeopardize their access to care.

Thank you again for your dedication to the Title VIII programs so that our nation's nurses may effectively care for a growing patient population. If we can be of any assistance, please contact Dr. Suzanne Miyamoto, at SMiyamoto@aacn.nche.edu or 202-463-6930, ext. 247.

Sincerely,

Academy of Medical-Surgical Nurses
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 Nurse Anesthetists
American Association of Nurse Practitioners
American College of Nurse-Midwives
American Nephrology Nurses' Association
American Nurses Association
American Organization of Nurse Executives
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
Gerontological Advanced Practice Nurses Association
Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association
Infusion Nurses Society
International Association of Forensic Nurses
International Nurses Society on Addictions
International Society of Psychiatric Nursing
National American Arab Nurses Association
National Association of Clinical Nurse Specialists
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 Gerontological Nursing Association
National Nursing Centers Consortium
National Organization for Associate Degree Nursing
National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties
Nurses Organization of Veterans Affairs
Oncology Nursing Society
Preventive Cardiovascular Nurses Association
Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nurses Society

CC: Representative Rodney Alexander
Representative Mike Simpson
Representative Steve Womack
Representative Chuck Fleischmann
Representative David Joyce
Representative Andy Harris
Representative Lucille Roybal-Allard
Representative Barbara Lee
Representative Mike Honda

Senator Patty Murray
Senator Mary Landrieu
Senator Dick Durbin
Senator Jack Reed
Senator Mark Pryor
Senator Barbara Mikulski
Senator Jon Tester
Senator Jeanne Shaheen
Senator Jeff Merkley
Senator Thad Cochran
Senator Richard Shelby
Senator Lamar Alexander
Senator Lindsey Graham
Senator Mark Kirk
Senator Mike Johanns
Senator John Boozman