



Senate Appropriators Support Current and Future Nurses in Bipartisan FY 2024 Spending Bill

July 28, 2023 – On behalf of the Nursing Community Coalition (NCC), we commend the Senate Appropriations Committee for recognizing the importance of nursing education, workforce, and research by advancing their fiscal year (FY) 2024 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education bill. This bipartisan bill outlines key programs impacting our current and future nurses, including:

- **\$302.472 million for Title VIII Nursing Workforce Development Programs:** A two million dollar increase over FY 2023 levels; and
- **\$197.693 million for the National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR):** Level funding to FY 2023 levels.

These investments are part of \$117 billion for the Department of Health and Human Services, including \$47.8 billion for the National Institutes of Health. In addition to these vital programs, the NCC was proud to see the inclusion of other funding priorities and report language that addresses mental health, staffing, removing barriers to care, workplace violence prevention, and the overall state of the health care workforce.

The bipartisan advancement of the LHHS-ED funding bill, and all 12 appropriations bills, out of the Senate Appropriations Committee is an essential step as we continue to support our Registered Nurses (RNs), Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs), nurse leaders, boards of nursing, students, faculty, researchers and the patients and communities they serve. As Congress reconvenes in September, the NCC remains committed to working with both chambers to ensure these programs remain fully funded.

The Nursing Community Coalition includes 63 national nursing organizations that are the cross section of education, practice, research, and regulation within the profession. Collectively, the coalition represents registered nurses, advanced practice registered nurses, nurse faculty, nurse leaders, boards of nursing, researchers, and students, who are all vital in addressing the public health challenges facing our communities. The coalition is committed to promoting efforts that advance the health of our nation through nursing care.