Senate Appropriations Committee Majority Amplifies Support for Nursing Programs in FY 2027 Spending Bill

November 18, 2026 – On behalf of the Nursing Community Coalition (NCC), we commend the Senate Appropriations Committee Majority for reasserting the importance of nursing education, workforce, and research in their recently released (FY) 2027 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education bill. The NCC is pleased to see that all federal nursing programs were retained as well as sustained funding of $197.693 million for the National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR). This FY 2027 budgetary proposal also provided $316.472 million, an $11 million increase, to Title VIII Nursing Workforce Development Programs! Specific increases were seen in the Nurse Education, Practice, Quality, and Retention (NEPQR) Program, Nurse Corps, and Nurse Faculty Loan Program (NFLP).

In addition to these vital programs, the NCC is proud to see the inclusion of other funding priorities and report language that addresses workplace violence and the nursing shortage, retaining more nurse faculty, as well as supporting rural health, public health, maternal health, and state-based nursing workforce centers. Palliative care and occupational health nursing workforce were also included in the Committee's explanatory statement, which further outlines their support for these important issues. The NCC was also appreciative of the recognition of removing barriers to practice, including for our Nurse Practitioners (NPs), and Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs).

With limited days to pass a budget before the upcoming December 11 deadline, the NCC remains deeply committed to working with both chambers to ensure these programs are preserved and receive additional funding in FY 2027. To see the latest NCC's FY 2027 funding chart click here.

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The Nursing Community Coalition includes 66 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. The coalition is committed to promoting efforts that advance the health of our nation through nursing care.