



May 7, 2013

President Barack Obama
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

The 41 undersigned organizations representing the Nursing Community, a forum comprised of national professional nursing associations, would like to express our appreciation for the recommended increase to nursing programs you provided in your Fiscal Year (FY) 2014 Budget.

Your request of \$251.099 million for the Nursing Workforce Development programs (Title VIII of the *Public Health Service Act*) will help to ensure that our nation's nurses can continue to provide high-quality care to patients across the country. We realize that the challenging fiscal environment has placed the difficult task before you and your Administration of identifying a long-term, sustainable solution, and we appreciate that your budget acknowledges the importance of a strong investment in these programs. The Title VIII programs aim to increase the number of nursing students, nurse faculty, and nurses so that patient-centered, cost-effective care will reach America's most vulnerable populations.

We would also like to thank you for your recommendation of \$146.244 million for the National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR, National Institutes of Health) in FY 2014. This level will continue to support nurse scientists who investigate best practices that promote health and reduce chronic disease. In addition, this level will help to support NINR's mission to develop the next generation of nurse researchers, who can in turn help alleviate the faculty shortage in nursing schools by serving as nurse faculty.

Again, the Nursing Community would like to thank you for your continued support of nursing and our nation's health. We look forward to working with your Administration to ensure that our nation's nurses are prepared to aid in this endeavor.

Sincerely,

Academy of Medical-Surgical Nurses
American Academy of Ambulatory Care Nursing
American Academy of Nursing
American Association of Colleges of Nursing
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 Pediatric Surgical 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
Commissioned Officers Association of the U.S. Public Health Service
Dermatology Nurses' Association
Gerontological Advanced Practice Nurses Association
Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association
Infusion Nurses Society
International Association of Forensic Nurses
International Society of Psychiatric Nursing
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 Black Nurses Association
National Nursing Centers Consortium
National Organization for Associate Degree Nursing
National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties
Oncology Nursing Society
Pediatric Endocrinology Nursing Society
Preventive Cardiovascular Nurses Association
Public Health Nursing Section, American Public Health Association
Society of Urologic Nurses and Associates
The Quad Council of Public Health Nursing Organizations
Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nurses Society

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