

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Robert Aderholt
Chair
Labor Health and Human Services
Education and Related Agencies Subcommittee
2358-B Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Chair
Ranking Member
Labor Health and Human Services
Education and Related Agencies Subcommittee
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Aderholt and Ranking Member DeLauro:

We respectfully request that you invest in the nation's health, and support our nurses, nursing students, and Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs), by providing \$610 million for the Nursing Workforce Development Programs (Title VIII of the Public Health Service Act, administered by HRSA) in the Fiscal Year 2027 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies appropriations bill.

With more than five million Registered Nurses (RNs), APRNs, and other nurses, including those with graduate degrees nationwide, the nursing profession makes up the largest sector of the health care workforce and are essential members of the health professions team. The RN and APRN pipelines rely on Title VIII program support to advance all aspects of the nursing workforce demand, including education, practice, recruitment, and retention. Title VIII programs bolster education at all levels, from entry-level preparation through graduate study. Further, these programs support academic institutions and the nurse faculty who prepare today's nursing students to be tomorrow's frontline providers.

It is critical that communities across the country have access to evidence-based, high quality, safe and timely care. Title VIII programs advance this endeavor by fostering training and employment opportunities to serve those most in need. For example, in Academic Year 2023-2024, the Title VIII Advanced Nursing Education programs supported more than 8,000 advanced practice nurses, many of whom were trained in primary care settings or medically underserved communities. This includes over two million hours of patient care and nearly 900,000 patient encounters that occurred in medically underserved communities because of the Advanced Nursing Education Program.

These are just a few examples of how strong support and increased funding for our Title VIII Nursing Workforce Development programs directly contribute to the health care of our nation. We recognize that bold investment in the Title VIII Nursing Workforce Development programs translates into a strong investment in the nursing workforce, patient well-being, and the long-term sustainability of our nation's health care system. It is imperative that we support our current and future nursing workforce who continue to be on the frontlines and must be prepared for the health challenges of tomorrow.

We greatly appreciate your past support and continued commitment to these programs as you consider our request.

Sincerely,


Suzanne Bonamici
Member of Congress


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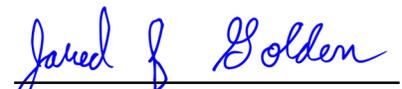

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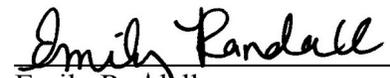
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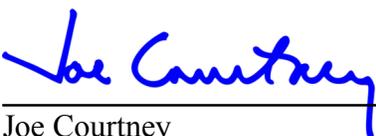
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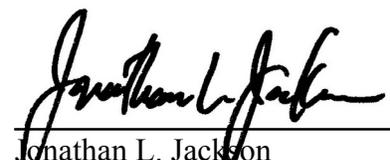
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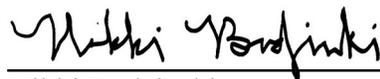
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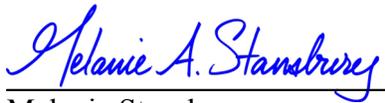
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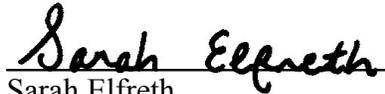
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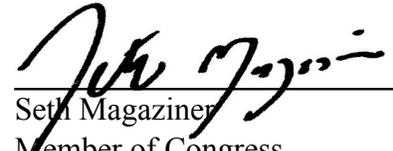
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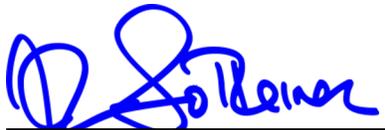
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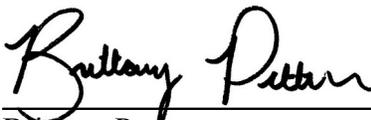
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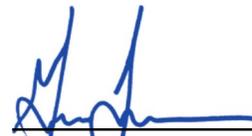
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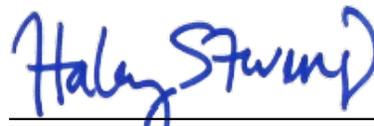
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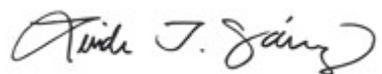
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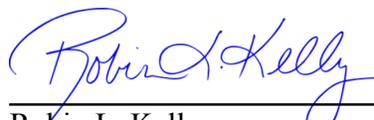
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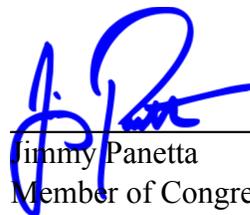
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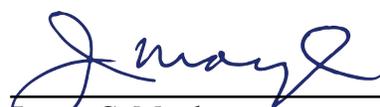
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