



Below is a summary of the Nursing Community (NC) coalition's activity for the month of February.

### **Title VIII Reauthorization**

Representative David Joyce (R-OH) introduced the Title VIII Nursing Workforce Reauthorization Act of 2017 (H.R. 959) along with cosponsors Representatives Tulsi Gabbard (D-HI), Doris Matsui (D-CA), Rodney Davis (R-IL), Suzanne Bonamici (D-OR), Patrick Meehan (R-PA), and Kathy Castor (D-FL). Fifty six members signed on to a [letter](#) thanking these Representatives for their support.

### **HHS Secretary Tom Price**

The Nursing Community sent a [letter](#) to the new Health and Human Services Secretary Tom Price committing the coalition to work with HHS to assess where change is needed and preserve critical advancements to improve our healthcare system.

### **Lois Capps Scholarship Fund**

To be presented at the Nurse In Washington Internship, the first winner of the Lois Capps Scholarship Fund is Zienna Blackwell. She is currently a student in the University of Massachusetts Amherst's DNP-PHNL program and resident of California, Representative Capps' home state.

### **Meetings**

The NC held their February monthly meeting on February 7<sup>th</sup> and was hosted by the American Organization of Nurse Executives. There were 37 NC organizations present for the discussion.

### **Social Media**

Twitter: [@RN\\_Community](#)      New Followers: 23      Total Followers: 359  
Profile Visits: 281      Tweet Impressions: 7,517  
Top Tweet: NC sends letter to HHS Secretary Tom Price emphasizing the importance of nursing's voice in the health system [bit.ly/2kLaN08](https://bit.ly/2kLaN08)

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