



May 7, 2013

The Honorable Jack Kingston  
Chairman  
House Appropriations Subcommittee  
on Labor, HHS and Education  
2358 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Appropriations Subcommittee  
on Labor, HHS and Education  
2358 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Kingston and Ranking Member DeLauro:

On behalf the 42 undersigned organizations representing the Nursing Community, we respectfully request \$251 million for the Nursing Workforce Development programs authorized under Title VIII of the *Public Health Service Act* (42 U.S.C. 296 et seq.); \$150 million for the National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR); as well as authorized funding for the Nurse-Managed Health Clinics (NMHCs, Title III of the *Public Health Service Act*) in the amount of \$20 million as you work to prepare your FY 2014 appropriations bill.

As you probably are aware, the demand for nursing services is steadily exceeding the supply. According to the 2012 Bureau of Labor Statistics' *Employment Projections 2010-2020*, the number of nurses needed to fill job openings and to replace retiring nurses will reach 1.2 million by 2020.<sup>1</sup> Additionally, an anticipated 32 million newly insured patients covered under reformed insurance markets will exacerbate the need for nursing services, particularly in primary care.

For nearly five decades, the Title VIII programs have helped to answer the call for a more robust Registered Nurse (RN) and Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) workforce. Administered through the Health Resources and Services Administration, these programs support the recruitment, education, and retention of nurses in our healthcare system and reflect of the health needs of our nation's most vulnerable populations. Data from the American Association of Colleges of Nursing's 2012-2013 *Title VIII Student Recipient Survey* reveals that among the survey's respondents, working in a community hospital or practicing in an underserved or rural area ranked among top career choices.<sup>2</sup>

NINR's research goals of promoting health, preventing disease, eliminating health disparities, and improving quality of life over the last 25 years has made a lasting impact on the lives of millions of Americans. Nurse scientists funded by NINR are responsible for innovative research initiatives that reduce rates of illness and promote prevention practices that save the healthcare system billions of dollars annually. Moreover, NINR allocates a generous portion of its budget to develop the next generation of nurse researchers who advance evidence-based practice.

Lastly, we request that NMHCs receive mandatory funding in FY 2014. NMHCs are run by an APRN and serve as a critical resource of primary care services for underserved populations. Often associated with a

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<sup>1</sup> Bureau of Labor Statistics. (2012). *Employment Projections 2010-2020*. Accessed March 28, 2013 from <http://bls.gov/news.release/ecopro.nr0.htm>.

<sup>2</sup> American Association of Colleges of Nursing. (2013). *2012-2013 Title VIII Student Recipient Survey*. Accessed March 28, 2013.

school, college, university, department of nursing, or other federally qualified health center, these establishments serve as clinical training sites for nursing students and other health professionals.

We understand and appreciate the difficult decisions Congress must make to reduce the federal deficit. We urge you to remain committed to supporting the nursing workforce so that all patients may receive high-quality, cost-effective nursing care. We thank you in advance for your consideration of our FY 2014 requests of \$251 million for the Title VIII Nursing Workforce Development programs, \$150 million for NINR, and \$20 million for Nurse-Managed Health Clinics. Please consider our organizations available as resources to you and your colleagues on national nursing issues. If you have any questions, please contact Suzanne Miyamoto at [smiyamoto@aacn.nche.edu](mailto:smiyamoto@aacn.nche.edu).

Sincerely,

Academy of Medical-Surgical Nurses  
American Academy of Ambulatory Care  
Nursing  
American Assembly for Men in Nursing  
American Association of Colleges of Nursing  
American Association of Critical-Care Nurses  
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 Psychiatric 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  
Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and  
Neonatal Nurses  
Commissioned Officers Association of the U.S.  
Public Health Service

Dermatology Nurses' Association  
Emergency Nurses Association  
Gerontological Advanced Practice Nurses  
Association  
Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association  
Infusion Nurses Society  
International Association of Forensic Nurses  
International Nurses Society on Addictions  
International Society of Psychiatric Nursing  
National American Arab Nurses Association  
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 of Nurse Practitioner  
Faculties  
Nurses Organization of Veterans Affairs  
Oncology Nursing Society  
Preventive Cardiovascular Nurses Association

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