



January 15, 2013

The Honorable Steve LaTourette
2371 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman LaTourette,

On behalf of the undersigned organizations representing the Nursing Community, we would like to whole-heartedly thank you for your service as a Co-Chair of the House Nursing Caucus and for your unwavering support of the nursing profession. Comprised of 57 national professional nursing organizations, the Nursing Community advocates on a wide spectrum of healthcare and nursing issues, including practice, education, and research. Together, our organizations are committed to improving the health and health care of our nation by collaborating to support the education and practice of Registered Nurses (RNs) and Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs).

Over the years, we have had the distinct pleasure of working with you and your dedicated staff. Through your leadership, we have been able to educate members of Congress, their staff, and the public about nursing's role in improving our nation's health. Under your guidance and commitment, the profession has increased the number of highly educated nurses, strengthened the field of nursing science, and supported nurses to practice to the full extent of their education and training. In addition, your collaboration across the aisle has demonstrated the importance of working to achieve common goals that will improve our healthcare system.

We will surely miss your leadership, but look forward to working with your successor. We hope to build the same strong relationship with him and his office to promote the critical role nurses play in providing high-quality, patient-centered care that promotes long-term system sustainability.

Again, we thank you for your dedication to our profession as a true nursing champion. If the Nursing Community can be of any service in your future endeavors, please to do not hesitate to contact Dr. Suzanne Miyamoto at 202-463-6930 ext. 247, or Smiyamoto@aacn.nche.edu.

Sincerely,

Academy of Medical-Surgical Nurses
American Academy of Ambulatory Care Nursing
American Academy of 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 Psychiatric Nurses Association
American Society for Pain Management Nursing
American Society of PeriAnesthesia Nurses
Association of Community Health Nursing Educators
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
Gerontological Advanced Practice Nurses Association
Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association
Infusion Nurses Society
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 Association of School Nurses
National Gerontological Nursing Association
National Nursing Centers Consortium
National Organization for Associate Degree Nurses
National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties
Nurses Organization of Veterans Affairs
Oncology Nursing Society
Preventive Cardiovascular Nurses Association
Society of Urologic Nurses and Associates
Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nurses Society