



February 28, 2020

Senator Jerry Moran
Chairman
Committee on Veterans' Affairs
United States Senate
412 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Senator Jon Tester
Ranking Member
Committee on Veterans' Affairs
United States Senate
825A Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Moran and Ranking Member Tester:

On behalf of the 60 undersigned organizations representing the Nursing Community Coalition (NCC), we urge you to consider and advance S. 997, the United States Cadet Nurse Corps Service Recognition Act of 2019. This legislation recognizes the nurses who served as members of the United States Cadet Nurse Corps during World War II and provides them with honorable discharges, medal privileges, and burial benefits for cemeteries administered under the Department of Veterans Affairs. As a coalition representing the cross section of nursing education, practice, research, and regulation within the nursing profession, we fully support S. 997 and encourage the Committee to take up and pass this important legislation this Congress.

As we celebrate the Year of the Nurse and the Midwife, it is vital that we not only recognize the nurses currently helping patients every day, but also honor the nurses that laid the foundation of our profession. This is the case for the nearly 120,000 nurses who answered the call from 1943 to 1948 and honorably cared for our servicemen and women during World War II. As the average age of these nurses increases, it is imperative that we recognize these brave women before it is too late.

The NCC thanks you for your consideration and requests you to consider and advance S. 997, the United States Cadet Nurse Corps Service Recognition Act of 2019. If our organizations can be of any assistance, or if you have any questions, please contact the Nursing Community Coalition's Executive Director, Rachel Stevenson, at rstevenson@thenursingcommunity.org or at 202-463-6930, ext. 271.

Sincerely,

Academy of Medical-Surgical Nurses
American Academy of Emergency Nurse Practitioners
Academy of Neonatal Nursing
American Academy of Nursing
American Association of Colleges of Nursing
American Association of Critical-Care Nurses

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American Association of Neuroscience Nurses
American Association of Nurse Anesthetists
American Association of Nurse Practitioners
American Association of Post-Acute Care Nursing
American College of Nurse-Midwives
American Nephrology Nurses Association
American Nurses Association
American Nursing Informatics Association
American Organization for Nursing Leadership
American Pediatric Surgical Nurses Association, Inc.
American Public Health Association, Public Health Nursing Section
American Psychiatric Nurses Association
American Society for Pain Management Nursing
American Society of PeriAnesthesia Nurses
Association for Radiologic and Imaging Nursing
Association of Community Health Nursing Educators
Association of Nurses in AIDS Care
Association of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Nurses
Association of periOperative Registered Nurses
Association of Public Health Nurses
Association of Rehabilitation Nurses
Association of Veterans Affairs Nurse Anesthetists
Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses
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Commissioned Officers Association of the U.S. Public Health Service
Dermatology Nurses' Association
Emergency Nurses Association
Friends of the National Institute of Nursing Research
Gerontological Advanced Practice Nurses Association
Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association
Infusion Nurses Society
International Association of Forensic Nurses
International Society of Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurses
National Association of Clinical Nurse Specialists
National Association of Hispanic Nurses
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 Black Nurses Association
National Council of State Boards of Nursing
National Forum of State Nursing Workforce Centers
National League for Nursing
National Nurse-Led Care Consortium
National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties

Nurses Organization of Veterans Affairs
Oncology Nursing Society
Organization for Associate Degree Nursing
Preventive Cardiovascular Nurses Association
Society of Pediatric Nurses
Society of Urologic Nurses and Associates
Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nurses Society

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