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Office of Senator Inouye
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Washington, DC 20510

To the Family of the Honorable Daniel Inouye:

On behalf of the undersigned organizations comprising the Nursing Community, we would like to express our deepest sorrow at the passing of Senator Inouye. The Senator was an inspiring leader to his colleagues in Congress and his constituents, and leaves behind a legacy of selfless dedication to those he served. As one who understood the vital role that nurses play in our nation's healthcare system, Senator Inouye stood ever ready to support our profession. We are sincerely grateful to have had his unconditional support as a nursing champion in the Senate.

The Nursing Community, which represents nearly one-million registered nurses across the country, has had the distinct privilege of working with Senator Inouye and his staff on many occasions. Our organizations are committed to advancing nursing education, research, and practice, and to improving the health of individuals nationwide. The practicing nurses, nurse researchers, and nurse faculty our organizations represent are appreciative of the remarkable work the Senator has championed, including the founding of the National Institute of Nursing Research.

The Senator was a highly revered leader, and his willingness to collaborate with his colleagues across the aisle proved his unwavering loyalty to the needs of the American people. The Nursing Community remains steadfast in honoring his efforts on behalf of our profession. Please accept our most sincere condolences for your loss. Senator Inouye was a great American and will certainly be missed.

Sincerely,

Academy of Medical-Surgical Nurses
American Academy of Nursing
American Assembly for Men in Nursing
American Association of Colleges of Nursing
American Association of Nurse Anesthetists
American Association of Nurse Practitioners
American College of Nurse-Midwives
American Nurses Association
American Organization of Nurse Executives

American Pediatric Surgical 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
Developmental Disabilities 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 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 Nursing
National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties
Nurses Organization of Veterans Affairs
Oncology Nursing Society
Preventive Cardiovascular Nurses Association
Society of Urologic Nurses and Associates