



October 8, 2013

The Honorable Jerry Moran
U.S. Senate
361A Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Moran:

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The Nursing Community commends this legislation’s effort to support APRN practice and ensure some of our nation’s most vulnerable patients receive the services they need in a timely manner. If our organizations can be of any assistance, please contact convener of the Nursing Community Dr. Suzanne Miyamoto, at Smiyamoto@aacn.nche.edu or 202-463-6930, ext. 247.

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National Organization for Associate Degree Nursing
National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties
Nurses Organization of Veterans Affairs
Oncology Nursing Society
Preventive Cardiovascular Nurses Association
Public Health Nursing Section, American Public Health Association
The Quad Council of Public Health Nursing Organizations



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Constitution Ave. and 2nd St. NE
Washington, DC 20510

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