



The Nursing Community Coalition Urges Support for Funding Nursing Workforce and Research as the President Honors National Nurses Day

Monday, May 12, 2025—The Nursing Community Coalition (NCC) was encouraged to see the President’s statement honoring National Nurses Day and those, “who have dedicated their lives to the critical and noble profession of nursing—providing quality, compassionate, and essential care to all patients.” As a coalition that represents the cross section of nursing education, practice, research and regulation, we appreciate these sentiments and recognize that to empower nurses to achieve the goal of a healthier America, federal nursing programs need to be fully funded. This includes:

- **Fully funding all Title VIII Nursing Workforce Development Programs:** As the largest dedicated federal funding for nurses, the Title VIII Programs are smart investments that bolster and sustain the nation’s nursing pipeline by addressing all aspects of nursing workforce demand. From scholarship and loan repayments, to supporting APRNs and future faculty, Title VIII Programs offer a strategic and cost-effective approach to supporting our nursing workforce. With an aging population, and need to support our frontline providers, especially in rural and underserved settings, funding for Title VIII must meet levels reflecting the nursing population it serves.
- **Retaining and funding the National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR) as an independent Institute within the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and support our nurse scientists and researchers throughout the NIH:** NINR’s scientists and researchers have made groundbreaking, lifesaving discoveries in many areas including prevention and symptom management. These nurses bring a unique perspective as they continue their work at the forefront of disease prevention, patient care, and recovery. The translational research at NINR and throughout NIH is essential to developing new evidence-based practices to care for all patients.

To support our current and future nurses, during National Nurses Week and beyond, we strongly encourage the President to reinforce his commitment to nursing by continuing investment in these essential programs at the federal level. The NCC looks forward to working with this Administration and Congress to provide funding for nursing, the largest and most trusted health care profession, at a level sufficient to meet the growing health care demands of patients across our country.

The Nursing Community Coalition includes 64 national nursing organizations that are the cross section of education, practice, research, and regulation within the profession. Collectively, the coalition represents registered nurses, advanced practice registered nurses, nurse faculty, boards of nursing, nurse executives, researchers, and students. The coalition is committed to promoting efforts that advance the health of our nation through nursing care.