



March 2, 2020

The Honorable Roy Blunt
Chairman
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human
Services, Education, and Related Agencies
United States Senate
Committee on Appropriations
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Patty Murray
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human
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Dear Chairman Blunt and Ranking Member Murray:

On behalf of the 57 undersigned organizations representing the Nursing Community Coalition, we respectfully request your support of **\$278 million for the Nursing Workforce Development programs (Title VIII of the Public Health Service Act [42 U.S.C. 296 et seq.])** and **\$182 million for the National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR, National Institutes of Health) in Fiscal Year (FY) 2021**. It is crucial that we continue to fund these programs that are essential to providing high-quality, patient-centered care for all Americans. As we celebrate the Year of the Nurse and the Midwife, we appreciate the Subcommittee's strong commitment to nursing workforce and research and urge you to continue to safeguard the public's well-being by sustaining and increasing these critical federal investments.

With more than four million practitioners, nurses make up the largest group of health professionals in the United States. The Nursing Community Coalition represents these Registered Nurses (RNs), Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (including Certified Nurse-Midwives, Nurse Practitioners, Clinical Nurse Specialists, and Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists), nurse leaders, nursing students, faculty, and researchers, as well as other nurses with advanced degrees. Our members know first-hand how impactful Title VIII Nursing Workforce Development programs, and NINR, are to guaranteeing American's have access to high-quality nursing care.

Administered by the Health Resources and Services Administration, the Title VIII Nursing Workforce Development programs bolster nursing education at all levels, support institutions that educate future nurses, strengthen the nursing workforce, and are essential to ensuring the demand for nursing care is met throughout the country. From the classroom to the bedside, and across a variety of settings, these programs increase access to care in communities that need it most; those in rural and underserved areas.

For more than three decades, scientific endeavors at NINR have been integral to advancing the health of our nation. As one of the 27 Institutes and Centers at the National Institutes of Health, NINR funds research that is foundational for evidence-based nursing practice. From disease prevention and global health, to precision medicine and genomic studies, NINR is at the forefront of nursing science and research.

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In this Year of the Nurse and the Midwife, we thank you for your strong commitment to nursing workforce and research and urge you to **support \$278 million for the Title VIII Nursing Workforce Development Programs and \$182 million for the National Institute of Nursing Research in FY 2021** to ensure our patients and communities have access to these vital programs. 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 Ambulatory Care Nursing
Academy of Neonatal Nursing
American Academy of Nursing
American Association of Colleges of Nursing
American Association of Critical-Care Nurses
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 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 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
Chi Eta Phi Sorority, Incorporated
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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