



February 28, 2013

Representative David Joyce
1535 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Joyce,

The 44 undersigned organizations representing the Nursing Community wish to congratulate you on your new position as co-chair of the House Nursing Caucus. We are honored to have your support as a leader and champion for the profession in Congress. Our organizations were delighted that you could attend our welcome reception on January 22, 2013 and offer inspiring remarks concerning the importance of nursing care to the many attendees.

As you may know, the Nursing Community is a forum of 57 national professional nursing associations that builds consensus and advocates on a wide spectrum of nursing and healthcare issues. Our organizations are committed to improving the health and health care of our nation by collaborating to support the education and practice of Registered Nurses (RNs) and Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs). Collectively, the Nursing Community represents nearly one million nurses, nursing students, and nursing faculty.

Over the past decade, the Nursing Community has had the opportunity to collaborate with the House Nursing Caucus on several key issues to educate Congress and the public about the vital role nurses play in improving health care. RNs and APRNs provide high-quality, cost-effective care in a variety of settings and serve as pioneers in initiatives aimed to increase access to care in a sustainable way.

We appreciate the recognition you have shown the profession we represent and are grateful to have you as an advocate. We are certain that under your co-chairmanship with Representative Capps, the caucus will continue to do exceptional work on behalf of America's patients and nurses.

Again, we sincerely welcome you to the 113th Congress. We look forward to working with you and your staff on future initiatives. Please do not hesitate to contact Dr. Suzanne Miyamoto, at SMiyamoto@aacn.nche.edu or 202-463-6930, ext. 247 if we can be of any assistance. To learn more about the work of the Nursing Community, please feel free to visit: <http://www.thenursingcommunity.org/>.

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 Critical-Care Nurses

American Association of Nurse Anesthetists
American Association of Nurse Practitioners
American College of Nurse-Midwives
American Nephrology Nurses' Association
American Nurses Association
American Organization of Nurse Executives
American Psychiatric Nurses Association
American Society for Pain Management Nursing
American Society of PeriAnesthesia Nurses
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 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 American Arab Nurses Association
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
Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nurses Society