



March 12, 2019

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 56 undersigned organizations representing the Nursing Community Coalition, we request your support of **\$266 million for the Nursing Workforce Development programs (Title VIII of the Public Health Service Act [42 U.S.C. 296 et seq.]) and \$173 million for the National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR, National Institutes of Health) in Fiscal Year (FY) 2020**. At a time when nondefense discretionary funding is particularly vulnerable to impending cuts, we respectfully ask the subcommittee to continue its strong commitment to these essential programs and safeguard the public's well-being by ensuring that federal investments for healthcare and research are sustained.

The Nursing Community Coalition, which includes national professional nursing associations that represent the cross section of education, practice, research, and regulation, are committed to advancing the health of our nation through nursing care. As the largest segment of the healthcare workforce, there are over four million licensed Registered Nurses (RNs), Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs), and nursing students who are involved at every point of health care nationwide. We want to thank you for your leadership and recognition that there needs to be a strong investment in nursing workforce and research. It is through this steadfast commitment to funding Title VIII Nursing Workforce Development programs and NINR that propels progress in ensuring communities across the country have access to high-quality nursing care.

Administered by the Health Resources and Services Administration, the Title VIII Nursing Workforce Development programs are instrumental in bolstering and sustaining the nation's nursing pipeline. Title VIII programs address all aspects of the nursing workforce demand, including education, practice, recruitment, retention. Furthermore, these programs increase access to care in communities that need it most; those in rural and underserved areas. It is critically important that these nursing workforce programs continue to have individual line items, which includes:

- Advanced Nursing Education (Sec. 811), which includes the Advanced Education Nursing Traineeships and Nurse Anesthetist Traineeships
- Nursing Workforce Diversity (Sec. 821)

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- Nurse Education, Practice, Quality, and Retention (Sec. 831)
- NURSE Corps Loan Repayment and Scholarship Programs (Sec. 846)
- Nurse Faculty Loan Program (Sec. 846A)
- Comprehensive Geriatric Education (Sec. 865)

For more than three decades, scientific endeavors funded at NINR have been integral to advancing the health of individuals, families, and communities. As one of the 27 Institutes and Centers at the National Institutes of Health, NINR's research projects funded through this Institute are aimed at reducing burdensome chronic illness, improving end of life care, and promoting patient-centered care across the life continuum. From disease prevention and global health, to precision medicine and genomic studies, NINR is at the forefront of nursing science and research.

We urge you to **support \$266 million for the Title VIII Nursing Workforce Development Programs and \$173 million for the National Institute of Nursing Research in FY 2020** to ensure our patients and communities have access to these vital nursing education, research, and practice 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](mailto:rstevenson@thenursingcommunity.org) or at 202-463-6930, ext. 271.

Sincerely,

Academy of Medical-Surgical Nurses  
 American Academy of Ambulatory Care Nursing  
 American Academy of Emergency Nurse Practitioners  
 American Academy of Nursing  
 American Association of Colleges of Nursing  
 American Association of Critical-Care Nurses  
 American Association of Heart Failure 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 Nursing Informatics Association  
 American Organization of Nurse Executives  
 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 periOperative Registered Nurses  
 Association of Public Health 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 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  
Pediatric Endocrinology Nursing Society  
Society of Pediatric Nurses  
Society of Urologic Nurses and Associates  
Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nurses Society

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