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Donald W. Rucker, MD
National Coordinator for Health Information Technology
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology
330 C Street, SW, Office 7009A
Washington, DC 20201

Re: Chief Nurse Officer position

Dear Dr. Rucker:

On behalf of the 41 undersigned organizations representing the Nursing Community Coalition (NCC), we respectfully request the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC) to appoint a new Chief Nursing Officer (CNO). The members of the Nursing Community Coalition are the cross section of education, practice, research, and regulation within the nursing profession. With over four million licensed Registered Nurses, Advanced Practice Registered Nurses, and nursing students, the profession tirelessly works to continually improve care for patients, families, and communities.

The role of CNO has been instrumental in integrating the nursing profession's important insights and perspectives as it relates to the priority areas identified by the ONC, including reducing clinician burden and improving care workflows. The NCC supports the ONC priorities of achieving secure, interoperable systems that are person-centered and support the care delivery workflow of clinicians. The NCC agrees with the importance of reducing all clinicians' documentation burdens and improving the usability of the electronic care record to more easily capture what is truly important for quality patient care. Therefore, we encourage the ONC to appoint a new CNO to provide the vital leadership and vision necessary to represent the interprofessional voice of nursing in these and all other ONC efforts.

We appreciate the opportunity to share the benefits of having a CNO at the ONC and stand ready to partner with ONC in the identification of qualified candidates to assume this role. We welcome the opportunity to discuss this recommendation in greater detail. The NCC would also like to request a meeting with you to discuss the important work of the ONC and the Office's priorities for the future. Additionally, if our organizations can be of any assistance, please contact the Nursing Community Coalition's Executive Director, Dr. Suzanne Miyamoto, at Smiyamoto@aacnnursing.org or at 202-463-6930, ext. 247

Sincerely,

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