



May 14, 2018

The Honorable Lamar Alexander
Chairman
Health, Education, Labor and Pensions
Committee
United States Senate
455 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Patty Murray
Ranking Member
Health, Education, Labor and Pensions
Committee
United States Senate
154 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Alexander and Ranking Member Murray,

On behalf of the Nursing Community Coalition, we would like to express our continued commitment to work with you and the Senate HELP Committee to pass the Title VIII Nursing Workforce Reauthorization Act of 2017 (S.1109). This legislation is the keystone of the coalition's advocacy work and remains our number one priority in the 115th Congress. We applaud the committee's efforts to host a hearing next week titled "The Health Care Workforce: Addressing Shortages and Improving Care."

As you know, Title VIII has helped to build the supply and distribution of qualified nurses. These programs bolster nursing education at all levels, increase the number of nurses entering the workforce, and provide support to institutions that educate future nurses to ensure the high demand for nursing care is met. Nurses supported through these programs go on to provide high-quality, evidence-based care to patients in a variety of settings, with a particular focus on those living in rural and medically underserved communities.

The coalition looks forward to supporting the committee's efforts on this piece of legislation. If the Nursing Community Coalition can be of any assistance to you or your staff, please do not hesitate to contact the coalition's Executive Director, Dr. Suzanne Miyamoto, at smiyamoto@aacnnursing.org or 202-463-6930, ext. 247.

Sincerely,

Academy of Medical-Surgical Nurses
American Academy of Ambulatory Care Nursing
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 Occupational Health Nurses
American Association of Nurse Practitioners
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