



July 8, 2019

The Honorable James McGovern
Chairman
Committee on Rules
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Tom Cole
Ranking Member
Committee on Rules
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman McGovern and Ranking Member Cole:

On behalf of the 48 undersigned organizations representing the Nursing Community Coalition (NCC), we request your support of Bustos Amendment #257 to H.R. 2500 - National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020. Bustos Amendment #257 would recognize nurses who served as members of the United States Cadet Nurse Corps during World War II and provide them with honorable discharges, medal privileges, and burial benefits for cemeteries administered under the Department of Veterans Affairs. As a coalition representing the cross-section of nursing education, practice, research, and regulation within the nursing profession, we fully support this amendment and urge you to make it in order.

From 1943 to 1948, nearly 120,000 nurses answered our nation's call and honorably served to care for our servicemen and women during World War II. As the average age of these nurses increases, it is imperative that this amendment moves forward to recognize their invaluable service.

The NCC thanks you for your consideration and requests your support of Bustos Amendment #257. 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
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

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American Nephrology Nurses Association
American Nurses Association
American Nursing Informatics Association
American Organization of Nursing Leadership
American Pediatric Surgical Nurses Association, Inc.
American Public Health Association, Public Health Nursing Section
American Psychiatric Nurses Association
American Society of PeriAnesthesia Nurses
Association for Radiologic & Imaging Nursing
Association of Community Health Nursing Educators
Association of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Nurses
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
Emergency Nurses Association
Gerontological Advanced Practice Nurses Association
Infusion Nurses Society
International Society of Psychiatric-Mental Health 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 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

CC:

Representative Alcee L. Hastings
Representative Norma J. Torres
Representative Ed Perlmutter
Representative Jamie Raskin
Representative Mary Gay Scanlon
Representative Joe Morelle
Representative Donna Shalala
Representative Mark DeSaulnier
Representative Rob Woodall
Representative Michael Burgess

Representative Debbie Lesko