



September 18, 2013

The Honorable Barbara Mikulski  
Chairwoman  
Senate Appropriations Committee  
S-128 Capitol  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Tom Harkin  
Chairman  
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee  
Labor, Health and Human Services, Education  
131 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairwoman Mikulski and Chairman Harkin:

The 43 undersigned organizations representing the Nursing Community, a forum comprised of national professional nursing associations, would like to express appreciation for your support of nursing education, research, and practice in the Fiscal Year 2014 appropriations bill. Collectively, the Nursing Community represents nearly one million registered nurses, advanced practice registered nurses, nurse executives, nursing students, nursing faculty, and nurse researchers.

The Nursing Community commends you for supporting a funding level of \$251 million for the Nursing Workforce Development programs (Title VIII of the Public Health Service Act). These programs are the key to ensuring America's nurses are prepared to meet the challenges of today's healthcare innovations and tomorrow's aging population. Thousands of nurses and nursing students of all levels across the country are able to achieve their educational goals with this assistance. With the rising demand for nurses and the nursing faculty shortage preventing schools from maximizing student enrollment, the Nursing Workforce Development programs are becoming an ever more essential part of the solution. We also appreciate the dedicated funding for Nurse Managed Health Clinics (NMHCs) through the Nurse Education, Practice, Quality and Retention program highlighted in report language. NMHCs provide vital access to care in the communities that are in the most need.

The Nursing Community would also like to thank you for supporting a funding level of \$145.2 million for the National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR), one of the 27 institutes and centers comprising the National Institutes of Health. Guided by its mission to improve the health of America's patients in a cost-effective manner, NINR supports research to prevent illness and enhance patient outcomes. Investing in nursing science is crucial to ensuring the continued excellence of nursing care and evidence-based practice.

On behalf of our nation's nurses, the Nursing Community would like to thank you for your continued support of nursing programs that advance the profession and the health of the public. If the Nursing Community can be of any assistance to you or your staff, please do not hesitate to contact its convener Suzanne Miyamoto at [smiyamoto@aacn.nche.edu](mailto:smiyamoto@aacn.nche.edu) or 202-463-6930.

Sincerely,

Academy of Medical-Surgical Nurses  
American Academy of Ambulatory Care  
Nursing  
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 Assessment  
Coordination  
American Association of Nurse Practitioners  
American College of Nurse-Midwives  
American Nurses Association  
American Organization of Nurse Executives  
American Pediatric Surgical 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 Women's Health, Obstetric and  
Neonatal Nurses  
Commissioned Officers Association of the U.S.  
Public Health Service  
Dermatology Nurses' Association  
Developmental Disabilities Nurses Association

Emergency Nurses Association  
Gerontological Advanced Practice Nurses  
Association  
Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association  
Infusion Nurses Society  
International Society of Psychiatric Nurses  
National American Arab Nurses Association  
National Association of Clinical Nurse  
Specialists  
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  
Pediatric Endocrinology Nursing Society  
Preventive Cardiovascular Nurses Association  
Public Health Nursing Section, American Public  
Health Association  
Society of Urologic Nurses and Associates  
The Quad Council of Public Health Nursing  
Organizations

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