



January XX, 2020

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chairwoman
U.S. House Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman DeLauro:

On behalf of the [Nursing Community Coalition \(NCC\)](#), which includes [63 member organizations](#) that represent the cross section of education, practice, research, and regulation within the nursing profession, we congratulate you on being elected chair of the House Appropriations Committee in the 117th Congress. We are excited to continue our work with you in your new role as we combat the COVID-19 crisis and prepare for the next public health challenge. You have worked tirelessly throughout your time in Congress, and as chair of the House Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Subcommittee, to ensure the healthcare delivery system is one that promotes wellness, advances research through scientific discovery, and provides timely, equitable, access to care across the life continuum.

Additionally, we thank you for your drive and passion to continually improve public health and ensure nurses have essential resources to help them care for all patients, families, and communities. Your support for robust investments in Title VIII Nursing Workforce Development Programs, National Institutes of Health, National Institute of Nursing Research and other key departments and agencies has been critical to the health of our nation. We have greatly appreciate the work of you and your expert staff and are eager to join you in tackling this current COVID-19 pandemic and future public health challenges.

Please know that we stand ready to work with you, to support and improve care delivery models, and build a long-term sustainable healthcare system that reinforces and bolsters strong nursing education, research, and practice programs. If the Nursing Community can be of any assistance in your new role, please do not hesitate to contact the coalition's Executive Director, Rachel Stevenson, at 202-463-6930 ext. 271 or rstevenson@thenursingcommunity.org. Congratulations!

Sincerely,

Academy of Medical-Surgical Nurses
American Academy of Ambulatory Care Nursing
American Academy of Emergency Nurse Practitioners
Academy of Neonatal 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 Nurse Practitioners
American Association of Occupational Health Nurses
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 for Nursing Leadership
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 Nurses in AIDS Care
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
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 Hispanic 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 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
Preventive Cardiovascular Nurses Association
Society of Pediatric Nurses
Society of Urologic Nurses and Associates
Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nurses Society