



June 7, 2017

The Honorable Suzanne Bonamici
United States House of Representatives
439 Cannon Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Bonamici,

On behalf of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN), I would like to thank you for circulating the Dear Colleague letter with Representative Rodney Davis expressing support for the Nursing Workforce Development programs (Title VIII, Public Health Service Act) in Fiscal Year 2018. As the national voice for academic nursing, AACN is extremely grateful to have you as a nursing champion for the profession and our patients.

As you are well aware, funding for Title VIII programs has been crucial in helping to build the supply and distribution of highly-educated nurses to meet the nation's healthcare needs. Despite the challenging fiscal climate surrounding the current budget process, it is imperative that the nursing pipeline is provided support through these programs. AACN appreciates your dedication to ensuring America's healthcare demands are met by affording nurses the opportunity to advance their education, serve as faculty, and most importantly, provide high-quality care for patients in communities across the nation.

Again, we would like to express our extreme gratitude for your bipartisan efforts. We are thrilled with the level of support your letter has garnered, and we look forward to continuing to work with you and your staff as the healthcare system navigates improvements in care delivery. If AACN can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact our Director of Government Affairs, Lauren Inouye, at linouye@aacn.nche.edu or 202-463-6930, ext. 271.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Juliann G. Sebastian'.

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