

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

April 21, 2026

The Honorable Shelley Moore Capito  
Chair  
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human  
Services, Education and Related Agencies  
Senate Committee on Appropriations  
Washington, D. C. 20510

The Honorable Tammy Baldwin  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human  
Services, Education and Related Agencies  
Senate Committee on Appropriations  
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Dear Chair Capito and Ranking Member Baldwin:

We respectfully request that the National Health Service Corps and Nursing Corps receive robust funding in Fiscal Year 2027 through the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education and Related Agencies appropriations bill. These vital programs incentivize talented and capable healthcare professionals to deliver necessary, high-quality patient care in underserved areas.

The National Health Service Corps (NHSC) provides student loan repayment assistance and scholarships to health care providers in exchange for a period of service in designated health professional shortage areas. In 2025, NHSC clinicians provided care to an estimated 18.9 million patients across the nation, including essential care amid the ongoing opioid crisis.<sup>1</sup>

The Nurse Corps also provides student loan repayment assistance and scholarships to nurses, including those still in training. As of November 2024, the Nurse Corps supports more than 2,400 nurses including nurse practitioners, registered nurses, nurse anesthetists, nurse midwives, clinical nurse specialists and nursing faculty. Nurse Corps providers care for more than 2.4 million patients across the United States.<sup>2,3</sup>

It is important that strong funding levels are maintained as health care professionals across the country extend their service obligations and new professionals join their ranks. To meet personnel and public health needs in underserved areas, Congress must ensure that NHSC and Nurse Corps have the resources necessary to support those who commit to serving the most vulnerable Americans.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

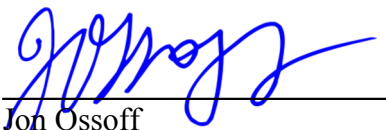
Sincerely,

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<sup>1</sup> Kelly, Amanda Pears, et al. "A Roadmap for the Health Workforce Revisited: New Recommendations to Ensure the Continuing Impact of the National Health Service Corps." *Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved*, vol. 37 no. 1, 2026, p. xi-xiv. Project MUSE, <https://dx.doi.org/10.1353/hpu.2026.a982952>.

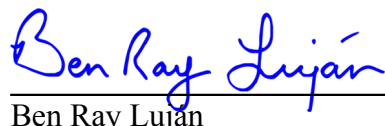
<sup>2</sup> HRSA FY2025 National Fact Sheet. <https://data.hrsa.gov/data/fact-sheets>

<sup>3</sup> HRSA Nurse Corps. <https://bhw.hrsa.gov/programs/nurse-corps>



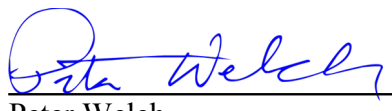
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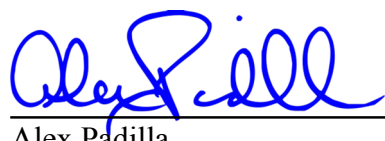
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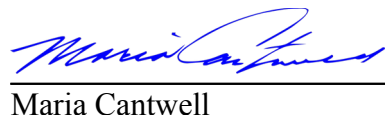
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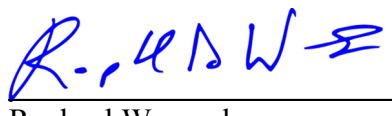
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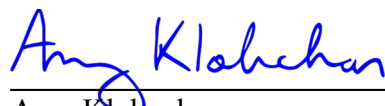
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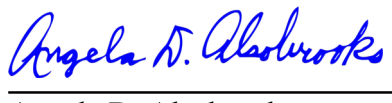
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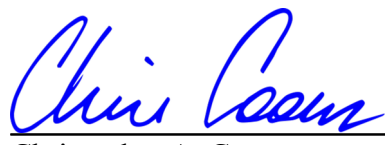
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