

June 12, 2025

The Honorable Roger Wicker 425 Russell Senate Office Building United States Senate Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Brian Fitzpatrick 271 Cannon House Office Building United States House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Jen Kiggans 152 Cannon House Office Building United States House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Jeff Merkley 531 Hart Senate Office Building United States Senate Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mike Thompson 268 Cannon House Office Building United States House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

Dear Senator Wicker, Senator Merkley, Congressman Fitzpatrick, Congressman Thompson, and Congresswoman Kiggans:

On behalf of the 55 undersigned organizations representing the Nursing Community Coalition (NCC), we thank you for introducing the Nurse Corps Tax Parity Act of 2025 (S.1548/H.R.3145). The NCC is a cross section of education, practice, research, and regulation within the nursing profession, representing Registered Nurses (RNs), Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs),¹ nurse leaders, boards of nursing, students, faculty, and researchers. Together, we support this bipartisan effort to create parity in federal programs and support those current and future nurses who receive Nurse Corps funding.

Nurse Corps Loan Repayment and Scholarships are one of the invaluable resources under the Title VIII Nursing Workforce Development Programs that helps ensure nursing students and nurses enter practice where health care is needed the most. This includes health care facilities that have a critical shortage of nurses, which, most often, are located in health professional shortage areas and medically underserved regions. Unlike other programs, such as the National Health Service Corps (NHSC), the Nurse Corps is subject to federal taxes. S.1548/H.R.3145 would change this and aims for parity among these vital federal programs.

The NCC appreciates the introduction of the Nurse Corps Tax Parity Act of 2025, and we look forward to working with you to advance this effort in the 119th Congress. If our organizations

¹ APRNs include certified nurse-midwives (CNMs), certified registered nurse anesthetists (CRNAs), clinical nurse specialists (CNSs) and nurse practitioners (NPs).

can be of any assistance, or if you have any questions, please contact the Nursing Community Coalition's Executive Director, Rachel Minahan, at rstevenson@thenursingcommunity.org.

Sincerely,

Academy of Medical-Surgical Nurses Academy of Neonatal Nursing 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 Nurse Anesthesiology American Association of Nurse Practitioners American Association of Occupational Health Nurses American Association of Post-Acute Care Nursing American Nephrology Nurses Association American Nurses Association American Nursing Informatics Association American Organization for Nursing Leadership American Pediatric Surgical Nurses Association, Inc. American Psychiatric Nurses Association American Public Health Association, Public Health Nursing Section American Society of PeriAnesthesia Nurses 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 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 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

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Representative Joe Neguse Senate Finance Committee House Committee on Ways and Means