



July 14, 2025

The Honorable Jeff Merkley
United States Senate
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Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Dave Joyce
United States House of Representatives
2065 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Susan Collins
United States Senate
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Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Suzanne Bonamici
United States House of Representatives
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Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Tammy Baldwin
United States Senate
141 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Jen Kiggans
United States House of Representatives
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The Honorable Marsha Blackburn
United States Senate
357 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Lauren Underwood
United States House of Representatives
2228 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Senator Merkley, Representative Joyce, Senator Collins, Senator Baldwin, Senator Blackburn, Representative Bonamici, Representative Kiggans, Representative Underwood:

On behalf of 62 undersigned organizations representing the Nursing Community Coalition (NCC), we would like to thank you for introducing the Title VIII Nursing Workforce Reauthorization Act of 2025 (S.1874/H.R.3593) and strongly support swift passage of this bipartisan effort. The members of the NCC represent the cross section of education, practice, research, and regulation within the nursing profession and fully support this legislation's goal to reauthorize the Nursing Workforce Development Programs. Representing a profession of nearly five million licensed Registered Nurses (RNs),¹ Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs),² nurse leaders, boards of nursing, students, faculty, and researchers, the NCC embodies the drive and passion to continually improve care for patients, families, and communities.

¹ National Council of State Boards of Nursing. (2025). Active RN Licenses: A profile of nursing licensure in the U.S. Retrieved from: <https://www.ncsbn.org/nursing-regulation/national-nursing-database/licensure-statistics/active-rn-licenses.page>

² APRNs include certified nurse-midwives (CNMs), certified registered nurse anesthetists (CRNAs), clinical nurse specialists (CNSs) and nurse practitioners (NPs).

The Title VIII Nursing Workforce Reauthorization Act of 2025 is vital to the sustainability of America's health as it would ensure the Nursing Workforce Development Programs have a current federal authorization necessary for securing funding in future fiscal years. As you are acutely aware, these programs bolster nursing education at all levels, support institutions that educate future nurses, help recruit and retain the nursing workforce, and are essential to ensuring the demand for nursing care is met throughout this nation, especially in rural and underserved areas. The NCC is committed to working with you to improve the health of our nation by supporting S.1874/H.R.3593.

Again, we commend the introduction of S.1874/H.R.3593, the Title VIII Nursing Workforce Reauthorization Act of 2025, and appreciate your commitment to America's nurses and these invaluable nursing workforce programs. We pledge our continued support to ensure swift Congressional action on the legislation this year. If the NCC can be of any assistance to you or your staff, please do not hesitate to contact the coalition's Executive Director, Rachel Minahan, at rstevenson@thenursingcommunity.org.

Sincerely,

Academy of Medical-Surgical Nurses
Academy of Neonatal Nursing
Alliance of Nurses for Healthy Environments
American Academy of Ambulatory Care Nurses
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 Neuroscience 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 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 Psychiatric Nurses Association
American Society for Pain Management Nursing
American Society of PeriAnesthesia Nurses
Association for Radiologic and Imaging Nursing
American Public Health Association, Public Health Nursing Section
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
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
Preventive Cardiovascular Nurses Association
Society of Pediatric Nurses
Society of Urologic Nurses and Associates
Wound, Ostomy, and Continence Nurses Society

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Senator Chris Coons
Senator Kristen Gillibrand
Senator Mark Kelly
Senator Adam Schiff
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Senator Cindy Hyde-Smith
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House Committee on Energy and Commerce