November 9, 2026

The Honorable Mike Johnson
Speaker of the House
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable John Thune
Senate Majority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Hakeem Jefferies
House Minority Leader
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Charles E. Schumer
Senate Minority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Speaker Johnson, Leader Thune, Leader Jefferies, and Leader Schumer,

On behalf of the 197 undersigned national and state organizations, we are writing in strong support of the Title VIII Nursing Workforce Reauthorization Act (S.1874/H.R.3593) and urge its passage in any end-of-year legislative package. Collectively, we represent patients, healthcare providers, nurses, nursing students, faculty, researchers, and others within the healthcare sector, and we understand the critical role of the Nursing Workforce Development Programs in our nation's healthcare landscape. The Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee and the House Energy and Commerce Health Subcommittee shared this recognition when moving this vital legislation forward. Together, our organizations recognize the importance of passing the Title VIII Nursing Workforce Reauthorization Act (S.1874/H.R.3593) before the end of the 119th Congress.

As the largest segment of the healthcare workforce,[1] nurses are involved at every point along the continuum of care. Our nation's nurses work in community health centers, Veterans Health Administration and Indian Health Service facilities, hospitals, long-term care facilities, local and state health departments, schools, workplaces, and patients' homes. The need for nurses is expected to grow as the Bureau of Labor Statistics projects that the demand for Registered Nurses (RNs) will increase by 6% through 2035,[2] and by 36% for certain Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs).[3] This translates into approximately 180,800 job openings for RNs[4] and 32,200 job openings for APRNs[5] every year over the next decade.

[1] Smith, Sean and Blank, Andrew. U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. (June 2023) Healthcare Occupations: Characteristics of the Employed. Slide Two: Employment in the 25 largest healthcare occupations, 2022. Retrieved from: https://www.bls.gov/spotlight/2023/healthcare-occupations-in-2022/
[2] U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. (2026). Occupational Outlook Handbook- Registered Nurses. Retrieved from: https://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/registered-nurses.htm
[3] U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. (2026). Occupational Outlook Handbook- Nurse Anesthetists, Nurse Midwives, and Nurse Practitioners. Retrieved from: https://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/nurse-anesthetists-nurse-midwives-and-nurse-practitioners.htm
[4] U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. (2026). Occupational Outlook Handbook- Registered Nurses. Retrieved from: https://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/registered-nurses.htm
[5] U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. (2026). Occupational Outlook Handbook- Nurse Anesthetists, Nurse Midwives, and Nurse Practitioners. Retrieved from: https://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/nurse-anesthetists-nurse-midwives-and-nurse-practitioners.htm

The Title VIII Nursing Workforce Development Programs address all aspects of nursing demand, including education, practice, recruitment, and retention. By strengthening nursing education pathways, these Programs ensure that patients across the country can continue to access high-quality nursing care. In fact, each Title VIII Program provides a unique contribution to supporting our nation's health, particularly in rural and underserved communities.

As we near the end of the 119th Congress, reauthorizing the Title VIII Programs is essential as these Programs are a strategic investment in our current and future nursing workforce. Together, we strongly urge you to pass the Title VIII Nursing Workforce Reauthorization Act (S.1874/H.R.3593) before the end of this year. If you have any questions or need additional assistance, please contact Rachel Minahan at rminahan@aacnnursing.org.

Sincerely,

National Organizations
Academy of Medical-Surgical Nurses
Academy of Neonatal Nursing
Alliance for Women's Health and Prevention
Alliance of Nurses for Healthy Environments
American Academy of Ambulatory Care Nursing
American Academy of Emergency Nurse Practitioners
American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine
American Academy of Nursing
American Association of Birth Centers
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 Holistic Nurses Association
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
American Society for Pain Management Nursing
American Society of PeriAnesthesia Nurses
Ascend Learning/ATI Nursing
Association for Nursing Professional Development, Inc.
Association for Radiologic and Imaging Nursing

Association of Clinicians for the Underserved
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
Case Management Society of America
Chi Eta Phi Education Foundation
Chi Eta Phi Sorority, Incorporated
Commissioned Officers Association of the U.S. Public Health Service
Dermatology Nurses' Association
DNPs of Color
Emergency Nurses Association
FIGS
Food Allergy Nursing Association
Friends of the National Institute of Nursing Research
Gerontological Advanced Practice Nurses Association
Health Ministries Association for Faith Community Nursing
HealthyWomen
Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association
Infusion Nurses Society
International Nurses Society on Addictions, USA Chapter
International Society of Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurses
Johnson & Johnson
National Alaska Native American Indian Nurses Association
National Association of Clinical Nurse Specialists
National Association of Family Nurse Practitioners
National Association of Hispanic Nurses
National Association of Indian Nurses of America
National Association of Neonatal Nurses
National Association of Neonatal Nurse Practitioners
National Association of Nurse Practitioners in Women's Health
National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners
National Association of Rural Health Clinics
National Association of School Nurses
National Association of Veterans' Research and Education Foundations
National Black Nurses Association
National Certification Corporation
National Coalition for Hospice and Palliative Care
National Coalition of Ethnic Minority Nurse Associations
National Council of State Boards of Nursing
National Forum of State Nursing Workforce Centers
National Hartford Center of Gerontological Nursing Excellence

National League for Nursing
National Nurse Practitioner Entrepreneur Network
National Nurse-Led Care Consortium
National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties
National Rural Health Association
Nurses Organization of Veterans Affairs
NurseTRUST
Oncology Nursing Society
Organization for Associate Degree Nursing
Orthodox Jewish Nurses Association
Pediatric Endocrinology Nursing Society
Philippine Nurses Association of America, Inc.
Preventive Cardiovascular Nurses Association
Society for Vascular Nursing
Society of Critical Care Medicine
Society of Pediatric Nurses
Society of Urologic Nurses and Associates
Wound, Ostomy, and Continence Nurses Society

State Organizations
Alabama Association of Nurse Anesthetists
Alabama State Nurses Association
Alaska APRN Alliance
American College of Nurse-Midwives, Utah Affiliate
American College of Nurse-Midwives, Oregon Affiliate
American Nurses Association - New York
American Nurses Association Massachusetts, Inc.
American Nurses Association of Idaho
American Nurses Association\ California
APRNs of Washington State
Arizona State Board of Nursing
Arkansas Nurse Practitioner Association
Association of Advanced Practice Psychiatric Nurses
Association of California Nurse Leaders
Association of Missouri Nurse Practitioners
California Association of Nurse Anesthesiology
Case Management Society of New England
Coalition of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses of Indiana
Colorado Association of Nurse Anesthesiology
Colorado Nurses Association
Connecticut Affiliate of the American College of Nurse-Midwives, Inc.
Connecticut Association of Nurse Anesthesiology
Connecticut Nurses Association
Council on Nursing Education in Washington State
Delaware Association of Nurse Anesthetists
Delaware Nurses Association

Delaware Organization of Nurse Leaders
Florida Association of Nurse Anesthesiology
Florida Council of Nurse Midwives, Inc.
Florida Nurse Practitioner Network
Florida Organization for Nursing Leadership
Georgia Nurses Association
Greater Kansas City Chapter of American Society for Pain Management Nursing
Hawai'i - American Nurses Association
Hawai'i Organization of Nurse Leaders
Illinois Organization of Nurse Leaders
Indiana Organization for Nursing Leadership
Iowa Association of Nurse Anesthetists
Kansas Association of Nurse Anesthetists
Kentucky Organization of Nurse Leaders
Louisiana Organization for Nursing Leadership
Louisiana State Nurses Association
Maine Association of Nurse Anesthesiology
Maine Nurse Practitioner Association
Maryland Association of Nurse Anesthetists
Michigan Association of Nurse Anesthetists
Michigan Organization for Nursing Leadership
Minnesota Organization of Registered Nurses
Mississippi Association of Nurse Practitioners
Mississippi Nurses Association
Montana Nurses Association
National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners – Massachusetts
Nebraska Affiliate of the American College of Nurse-Midwives
Nebraska Nurses Association
Nevada Association of Nurse Anesthetist
New Hampshire Nurse Practitioner Association
New Hampshire Nurses Association
New Jersey Palliative Care APN Consortium
New Jersey State Nurses Association
New York Organization for Nursing Leadership
New York State Association of Nurse Anesthetists
North Carolina Association of Nurse Anesthetists
North Carolina Nurses Association
North Carolina Organization of Nurse Leaders
Northwest Organization of Nurse Leaders
Nurse Leaders of Idaho
Nurse Practitioner Association of Maryland, Inc.
Ohio Organization for Nursing Leadership
Oklahoma Nurses Association
Oregon Association of Nurse Anesthetists
Oregon Nurses Association
Organization of Maine Nurse Leaders

Organization of Nurse Leaders of New Jersey
Pennsylvania Organization of Nurse Leaders
Rhode Island State Nurses Association
South Carolina Association of Nurse Anesthesiology
South Carolina Nurses Association
Tennessee Nurses Association
Texas Association of Nurse Anesthetists
Texas Business Leadership Council
Texas Nurse Practitioners
Texas Nurses Association
Texas Organization for Nursing Leadership
The Maryland Academy of Advanced Practice Clinicians
The Maryland State Affiliate of ACNM, Inc
Utah Nurse Practitioners Association
Utah Nurses Association
Vermont Affiliate of the American College of Nurse Midwives
Vermont Association of Nurse Anesthetists
Vermont Nurse Practitioners Association
Virginia Association of Colleges of Nursing
Virginia Association of Nurse Anesthesiology
Virginia Council of Nurse Practitioners
Virginia Nurses Association
West Virginia Affiliate of the American College of Nurse-Midwives
West Virginia Nurses Association
West Virginia Organization for Nursing Leadership
Wisconsin Nurses Association
Wyoming Association of Nurse Anesthetists
Wyoming Center for Nursing
Wyoming Council for Advanced Practice Nurses
Wyoming Nurses Association

Cc:
Chairman Bill Cassidy, Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee
Ranking Member Bernie Sanders, Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee
Chairman Brett Guthrie, House Energy and Commerce Committee
Ranking Member Frank Pallone, House Energy and Commerce Committee
All members of the U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate