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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 [XX] undersigned national and state organizations, we are writing in strong support of the Title VIII Nursing Workforce Reauthorization Act of 2025 (S.1874/H.R.3593). Collectively, we represent [patients, healthcare providers, and health professions education programs], and we understand the important 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 recently moving this vital legislation forward. Together, our organizations urge both the House of Representatives and the Senate to pass 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 Services 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 5% through 2034,² and by 35% for certain Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs).³ This translates into approximately 189,100 job openings for RNs⁴ and 32,700 job openings for APRNs⁵ every year over the next decade. The Title VIII Nursing Workforce Development Programs address all aspects of nursing demand, including education, practice, recruitment, and retention. By strengthening nursing

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>

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.

Reauthorizing these proven Programs is necessary to secure future strategic investments in our country's nursing workforce and, ultimately, to protect our nation's health. Together, we urge you to pass the Title VIII Nursing Workforce Reauthorization Act of 2025 (S.1874/H.R.3593) this Congress. If you have any questions or need additional assistance, please contact Rachel Minahan at rminahan@aacnnursing.org.

Sincerely,

National Organizations

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All members of the U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate