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Dear Dr. Strobbe and Ms. Wiley,

I am pleased to report that the AACN Board of Directors has endorsed the joint position statement issued by the Emergency Nurses Association and the International Nurses Society on Addictions on **Substance Use Among Nurses and Nursing Students**. Our board agreed that this statement is important to share with all stakeholders within academic nursing, include nursing school deans/directors, faculty, staff, and students.

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To help spread the word about this endorsement, AACN will highlight this position statement in an upcoming issue of our weekly electronic newsletter, post a link on the AACN web site, and share this news via our social media channels.

Thank you for the opportunity to support this important and timely position statement.

Sincerely,



Juliann Sebastian, PhD, RN, FAAN  
Chair, AACN Board of Directors

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