AACN Joins Higher Education Community in Supporting Net Neutrality
AACN joined the American Council on Education, and 18 other higher education associations, to file an amicus brief in support of net neutrality. The brief was filed on August 27 with the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit and asserts that the FCC’s Restoring Internet Order, which rescinded regulations that prevented broadband service providers from slowing or blocking internet traffic, threatens to erode the democratic nature of the internet essential to the public interest. As academic content and services are being primarily offered online, the higher education community relies on no-fee, public internet access for sharing information and advancing research. Currently, arguments have not yet been scheduled. Read the amicus brief here.

Register Now – Faculty Policy Think Tank: Policy Scholarship Webinar
The second in the Faculty Policy Think Tank (FPTT) webinar series, Success in Policy Scholarship, will be held on September 13 at 2:00pm (ET). This webinar will feature two health policy experts, AACN Health Policy Advisory Council (HPAC) Chair, Dr. Julie Sochalski, and HPAC member Dr. Sally Cohen, who will give critical insight into identifying and supporting faculty policy leadership and scholarship within schools of nursing. Policy scholarship builds the case for improved practice, health, and systems. Register for the Success in Policy Scholarship Webinar here.

House Announces Members to Serve on Appropriations Conference Committee
Yesterday, the House of Representatives named 13 Republican and Democratic Members of Congress that will participate in the Conference Committee to finalize the Defense and Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations bills for Fiscal Year 2019 (H.R.6157). The Senate conferees are still to be determined. AACN, as a partner in the Nursing Community Coalition, will be advocating for the highest levels of funding for the Title VIII Nursing Workforce Development Programs and for the National Institute of Nursing Research.

Act Today: Urge your Senators to Cosponsor S.1109
With the passage of Title VIII Nursing Workforce Reauthorization in the House of Representatives, we now look to the Senate to pass their version, S.1109. While Senate consideration of S.1109 could occur as early as this fall, additional Senate cosponsors are imperative to the effort and help to illustrate the broad support the Senate has for nursing workforce programs. With only 10 legislative days left in September, now, more than ever, is the time to act! Reach out to your Senators today and request that they cosponsor S.1109. Your voice is vital to the process and together we can garner additional support to move this critical legislation forward!