

March 16, 2017

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor,  
Health and Human Services, Education, and  
Related Agencies  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor,  
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

The 54 undersigned members of the Nursing Community respectfully request \$244 million for the Health Resources and Services Administration's (HRSA) Nursing Workforce Development programs (authorized under Title VIII of the Public Health Service Act [42 U.S.C. § 290q.]) and \$160 million for the National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR), one of the 27 Institutes and Centers within the National Institutes of Health (NIH) you work to complete your FY 2018 appropriations bill.

The Nursing Community is a coalition which includes national professional nursing organizations that are the cross section of education, practice, research, and regulation within the profession. These organizations are committed to promoting America's health through their contributions made by the nursing profession. The largest segment of the healthcare workforce with over four million licensed Registered Nurses (RNs), Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs),

As one of the 27 Institutes and Centers at the NIH, NINR funds research that lays the groundwork for evidence-based nursing practice. NINR's research examines a variety of topics that will help nurses and other health professionals to make informed decisions about patient treatment. Our country must look toward the prevention aspect of health care as the vehicle for saving our system from further financial burden, and the work of NINR embraces this endeavor through research related to care management of patients during illness and recovery, reduction of risks for disease and disability, promotion of healthy lifestyles, enhancement of quality of life for those with chronic illness, and care for individuals at the end of life. The Nursing Community requests \$160 million for NINR FY 2018.

Commitment of resources to the HRSA Nursing Workforce Development programs and to NINR is vital to ensuring a healthy population for our country. We urge you to support our Fiscal Year 2018 requests. Please contact Suzanne Miyamoto, convener of the Nursing Community, at [smiyamoto@aacn.nche.edu](mailto:smiyamoto@aacn.nche.edu) or 202-463-6930 ext. 247 for any additional assistance.

Sincerely,

Academy of Medical-Surgical Nurses  
American Academy of Nursing  
American Assembly for Men in 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 Anesthetists  
American Association of Nurse Assessment Coordination  
American Association of Nurse Practitioners  
American Association of Occupational Health Nurses  
American College of Nurse-Midwives  
American Nephrology Nurses Association  
American Nurses Association  
American Nursing Informatics Association

Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses