



December 21, 2022

The Honorable Lisa Blunt Rochester
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Jeff Merkley
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Young Kim
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Thomas Tillis
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Congresswoman Blunt Rochester, Senator Merkley, Congresswoman Kim, and Senator Tillis:

On behalf of the 48 undersigned organizations representing the Nursing Community Coalition (NCC), we would like to thank you for introducing the National Nursing Workforce Center Act of 2022 (H.R.8817/S.4844). The NCC is a cross section of education, practice, research, and regulation within the nursing profession representing Registered Nurses (RNs), Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs),¹ nurse leaders, students, faculty, and researchers. Together, we support investment in the ongoing work of our state nursing workforce centers.

As we have witnessed during this ongoing public health emergency, supporting our current and future nursing workforce is imperative. To do that, we also must better understand the needs of the profession. Nursing workforce centers help fill those gaps. In fact, 39 nursing workforce centers advance the profession through a data driven approach throughout the country.² These centers conduct local research, publish reports on nursing supply, demand, and education, and share best practices.³ However, not every state has a center and those centers that exist do not always have the funding essential for their work. That is why the National Nursing Workforce Center Act is an important step forward as we look to gather additional data on the needs within the nursing workforce and of healthcare throughout the nation.

As we continue to analyze and support our nursing workforce, bills like the National Nursing Workforce Center Act of 2022 are significant to understanding the needs of the profession and the communities they serve. If the Nursing Community Coalition can be of any assistance to you

¹ APRNs include certified nurse-midwives (CNMs), certified registered nurse anesthetists (CRNAs), clinical nurse specialists (CNSs) and nurse practitioners (NPs).

² National Forum of State Nursing Workforce Centers (2022) Nursing Workforce Centers Locations. Retrieved from: <https://nursingworkforcecenters.org/location-map/>

³ National Forum of State Nursing Workforce Centers (2022) The National Nursing Workforce Centers Act. Retrieved from: <https://nursingworkforcecenters.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/Forum-Bill-Fact-Sheet-.pdf>

or your staff, please do not hesitate to contact the coalition's Executive Director, Rachel Stevenson, at rstevenson@thenursingcommunity.org or at 202-463-6930, ext. 271.

Sincerely,

Academy of Medical-Surgical Nurses
Academy of Neonatal Nursing
American Academy of Ambulatory Care Nursing
American Academy of Emergency Nurse Practitioners
American Academy of Nursing
American Association of Colleges of Nursing
American Association of Critical-Care Nurses
American Association of Neuroscience Nurses
American Association of Nurse Practitioners
American Association of Post-Acute Care Nursing
American Nephrology Nurses Association
American Nurses Association
American Organization for Nursing Leadership
American Psychiatric Nurses Association
American Society for Pain Management Nursing
American Society of PeriAnesthesia Nurses
Association of Community Health Nursing Educators
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
Commissioned Officers Association of the U.S. Public Health Service
Dermatology Nurses' Association
Emergency Nurses Association
Friends of the National Institute of Nursing Research
Gerontological Advanced Practice Nurses Association
Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association
Infusion Nurses Society
National Association of Clinical Nurse Specialists
National Association of Hispanic Nurses
National Association of Neonatal Nurse Practitioners
National Association of Neonatal Nurses
National Association of Nurse Practitioners in Women's Health
National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners
National Association of School Nurses
National Forum of State Nursing Workforce Centers
National Hartford Center of Gerontological Nursing Excellence
National League for Nursing
National Nurse-Led Care Consortium
National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties
Nurses Organization of Veterans Affairs
Oncology Nursing Society
Organization for Associate Degree Nursing
Preventive Cardiovascular Nurses Association
Society of Pediatric Nurses

Society of Urologic Nurses and Associates
Wound, Ostomy, and Continence Nurses Society

cc:

Representative Madeleine Dean

Representative Dina Titus

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