



June 12, 2023

The Honorable Lisa Blunt Rochester  
1724 Longworth House Office Building  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Jeff Merkley  
531 Hart Senate Office Building  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Young Kim  
1306 Longworth House Office Building  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Thomas Tillis  
113 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

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

On behalf of the 55 undersigned organizations representing the Nursing Community Coalition (NCC), we would like to thank you for introducing the National Nursing Workforce Center Act of 2023 (H.R.2411/S.1150). 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),<sup>1</sup> nurse leaders, students, faculty, and researchers. Together, we support investment in the ongoing work of our state nursing workforce centers.

Supporting our current and future nursing workforce is imperative. To do that, we not only need to bolster existing Nursing Workforce Development programs, but also better understand the needs of the profession. Nursing workforce centers help fill those gaps. In fact, 40 nursing workforce centers advance the profession through a data driven approach throughout the country.<sup>2</sup> These centers conduct local research, publish reports on nursing supply, demand, and education, and share best practices.<sup>3</sup> 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 health care throughout the nation.

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

<sup>2</sup> National Forum of State Nursing Workforce Centers (2023) Nursing Workforce Centers Locations. Retrieved from: <https://nursingworkforcecenters.org/location-map/>

<sup>3</sup> National Forum of State Nursing Workforce Centers (2023) The National Nursing Workforce Centers Act. Retrieved from: <https://nursingworkforcecenters.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/Forum-Bill-Fact-Sheet-.pdf>

As we continue support our nursing workforce, bills like the National Nursing Workforce Center Act of 2023 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 or your staff, please do not hesitate to contact the coalition's Executive Director, Rachel Stevenson, at [rstevenson@thenursingcommunity.org](mailto:rstevenson@thenursingcommunity.org).

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 Heart Failure Nurses  
American Association of Neuroscience Nurses  
American Association of Nurse Anesthesiology  
American Association of Nurse Practitioners  
American Association of Post-Acute Care Nursing  
American College of Nurse-Midwives  
American Nephrology Nurses Association  
American Nurses Association  
American Organization for Nursing Leadership  
American Public Health Association, Public Health Nursing Section  
American Psychiatric Nurses Association  
American Society for Pain Management Nursing  
American Society of PeriAnesthesia Nurses  
Association for Radiologic and Imaging Nursing  
Association of Community Health Nursing Educators  
Association of Nurses in AIDS Care  
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  
International Society of Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurses  
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 Council of State Boards of Nursing

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  
Pediatric Endocrinology Nursing Society  
Preventive Cardiovascular Nurses Association  
Society of Pediatric Nurses  
Society of Urologic Nurses and Associates

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Representative Kathy Castor  
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Representative John Sarbanes  
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Senator Mark Kelly  
Senator Roger Wicker