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The Honorable Elizabeth Warren United States Senate 317 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Susan Collins United States Senate 413 Dirksen Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Angus King United States Senate 133 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Steve Daines United States Senate 320 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510 The Honorable Christopher Murphy United States Senate 136 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Ed Markey United States Senate 255 Dirksen Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Robert Menendez United States Senate 528 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senators Warren, Collins, King, Daines, Murphy, Markey, and Menendez,

On behalf of the 52 undersigned organizations representing the Nursing Community Coalition (NCC), we would like to thank you for introducing the United States Cadet Nurse Corps Service Recognition Act (S.3729). The members of the Nursing Community Coalition are the cross section of education, practice, research, and regulation within the nursing profession. As a coalition, we fully support this legislation that recognizes nurses who served as members of the United States Cadet Nurse Corps during World War II and provides them with honorable discharges, medal privileges, and veteran burial benefits.

This year marks the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the first class of nurses in the United States Cadet Nurse Corps. From 1943 to 1948, nearly 120,000 nurses honorably served to care for America's servicemen and women during World War II. As the average age of these nurses increases, it is imperative that this legislation moves forward to recognize their invaluable service. The NCC commends your commitment and efforts to honor our nation's nurses who answered the call to action.

Again, we thank you for introducing S.3729 as we acknowledge the service of the U.S. Cadet Nurse Corps. 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 <u>rstevenson@thenursingcommunity.org</u> or at 202-463-6930, ext. 271.

Sincerely,

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Academy of Medical-Surgical Nurses American Academy of Ambulatory Care Nursing 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 Anesthetists American Association of Nurse Practitioners American Nephrology Nurses Association American Nurses Association American Nursing Informatics Association American Organization of Nurse Executives American Pediatric Surgical Nurses Association American Psychiatric Nurses Association American Public Health Association, Public Health Nursing Section 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 periOperative Registered Nurses Association of Public Health Nurses Association of Rehabilitation Nurses Association of Veterans Affairs Nurse Anesthetists Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses Chi Eta Phi Sorrority 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 International Association of Forensic Nurses International Society of Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurses National Association of Clinical Nurse Specialists 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 Black Nurses Association National Council of State Boards of Nursing

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- National Nurse-Led Care Consortium
- National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties
- Nurses Organization of Veterans Affairs
- Oncology Nursing Society
- Organization for Associate Degree Nursing
- Society of Pediatric Nurses
- Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nurses Society