



## **The Nursing Community Coalition Commends the Introduction of Legislation that Supports Nursing Workforce Development Programs and Secures Future Investments for America’s Health**

January 23, 2019 – On behalf of the Nursing Community Coalition (NCC), a cross section of education, practice, research, and regulation within the nursing profession, we commend Representative David Joyce (R-OH), along with Reps. Tulsi Gabbard (D-HI), Suzanne Bonamici (D-OR), Rodney Davis (R-IL), Doris Matsui (D-CA), Kathy Castor (D-FL), David McKinley (R-WV), and Lauren Underwood (D-IL), for introducing Title VIII Nursing Workforce Reauthorization Act of 2019.

As the top policy priority of the NCC, this legislation reauthorizes the Health Resources and Services Administration’s Nursing Workforce Development Programs (authorized under Title VIII of the Public Health Service Act [42 U.S.C. 296 et. seq]) through fiscal year 2024. The NCC is committed to improving the health and health care of our nation by collaborating to support the education and practice of Registered Nurses (RNs) and Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs). Introducing the Title VIII Nursing Workforce Reauthorization Act of 2019, is the first step in enhancing the future of the nursing profession as it continues to provide our nation’s patients with healthcare services needed for a healthier tomorrow.

Throughout the country, Title VIII Nursing Workforce Development Programs have helped meet our nation’s healthcare needs, especially in rural and underserved areas. These programs bolster nursing education at all levels, support institutions that educate future nurses, help recruit and retain the nursing workforce, and are essential to ensuring the demand for nursing care is met. Nurses supported through these programs go on to provide high-quality, evidence-based practice to patients in a variety of settings, including hospitals, long-term care facilities, community centers, state and local health departments, schools, workplaces, and patient homes. This legislation is vital for the sustainability of America’s health as it would ensure the Nursing Workforce Development Programs have a current federal authorization necessary for funding in future fiscal years. Additionally, the reauthorization includes technical changes that are in-line with current nursing roles and practices.

Collectively, the Nursing Community Coalition represents a profession of four million RNs nationwide. We express support for the Title VIII Nursing Workforce Reauthorization Act of 2019 as it strengthens the future of the nursing profession and of health care in communities throughout the country.

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