



March 22, 2018

The Honorable Stephanie Murphy  
1237 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Murphy,

On behalf of the 46 undersigned organizations representing the Nursing Community Coalition, we would like to thank you for introducing the Gun Violence Research Act (H.R. 1478). The members of the Nursing Community Coalition are the cross section of education, practice, research, and regulation within the nursing profession. The coalition supports this legislation which would prevent limitations from being imposed on the Department of Health and Human Services, including the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, to promote evidence-based research that examines the causes of gun violence and identifies methods to reduce gun-related fatalities and injuries.

With over four million licensed Registered Nurses, Advanced Practice Registered Nurses, and nursing students, the profession tirelessly works to continually improve care for patients, families, and communities. This exceptional care is firmly grounded in evidence, compassion, and evaluation. Research to reduce gun-related fatalities and injuries only serves to help those impacted by tragedies, like the most recent act that shook the Parkland, Florida community. The Gun Violence Research Act would enable researchers to study gun violence to create a safer, more secure future and for it to be shared publicly. As a profession driven by science and advocacy, this is a common-sense solution.

Again, we commend the introduction of H.R. 1478, and appreciate your support for America's public health and safety by reducing barriers that impede the promotion of evidence-based research. 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, Dr. Suzanne Miyamoto, at [smiyamoto@aacnnursing.org](mailto:smiyamoto@aacnnursing.org) or 202-463-6930, ext. 247.

Sincerely,

Academy of Medical-Surgical Nurses  
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 Assessment Coordination  
American Association of Nurse Practitioners  
American College of Nurse-Midwives  
American Nephrology Nurses Association

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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  
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Emergency Nurses Association  
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Gerontological Advanced Practice Nurses Association  
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National Association of Clinical Nurse Specialists  
National Association of Neonatal Nurse Practitioners  
National Association of Neonatal Nurses  
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National League for Nursing  
National Nurse-Led Care Consortium  
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Nurses Organization of Veterans Affairs  
Oncology Nursing Society  
Organization for Associate Degree Nursing  
Preventive Cardiovascular Nurses Association  
Society of Pediatric Nurses