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Dear members of Congress and dedicated staff,

On behalf of the 59 undersigned organizations comprising the Nursing Community Coalition (NCC), we would like to express our continued commitment to the health of the nation as we honor National Nurses Week. This year, the NCC is celebrating its 10th Anniversary. For the past decade, the coalition has worked to gain consensus among our organizations and advocate for policies that help to ensure cost-effective, high-quality nursing care is accessible to patients, families, and communities in every corner of the country. As we recognize this year's Nurses Week theme— *Nurses: Inspire, Innovate, Influence*, developed by the American Nurses Association, a member of the NCC— we are proud to work with members of Congress who embody these principles.

For ten years, our coalition has been inspired by the work we have accomplished together. It is the passion, expertise, and quality outcomes of nurses that have allowed for the joint pursuit of crafting policies that support the profession in order to meet care demands. Our individual member organizations and the coalition as a whole have shared with your offices innovative approaches to tackling the most pressing healthcare challenges from opioid addiction to workforce shortages. There is still more work to be done. As the nation charts new models of care, the positive impact of nurses will continue to be felt nationwide and especially in rural and medically underserved areas.

We thank you for championing the largest healthcare profession. Recognizing our 10th Anniversary, we know that there are many more years ahead to partner as we continue to improve America's health through nursing care. If our organization can be of any assistance, please contact the coalition's Executive Director, Dr. Suzanne Miyamoto, at smiyamoto@aacnnursing.org, or at 202-463-6930.

Sincerely,

Academy of Medical-Surgical Nurses
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 Anesthetists
American Association of Nurse Assessment Coordination
American Association of Nurse Practitioners

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American Association of Occupational Health Nurses
American College of Nurse-Midwives
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 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
Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses
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 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 Black Nurses Association
National Council of State Boards of Nursing
National Forum of State Nursing Workforce Centers
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
Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nurses Society