



## **The Nursing Community Commends the Introduction of Legislation That Would Secure Future Investments for America's Health**

Tuesday, February 7, 2017 - As a coalition of national nursing organizations, the Nursing Community fully supports the Title VIII Nursing Workforce Reauthorization Act, which will reauthorize 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 2022. The Nursing Community is committed to improving the health and health care of our nation by collaborating to support the education and practice of Registered Nurses and Advanced Practice Registered Nurses. The Title VIII Nursing Workforce Reauthorization Act is a critical investment that will enhance the future of the nursing profession as it continues to provide our nation's patients with the high-quality healthcare services needed for a healthier tomorrow.

For over fifty years, Title VIII has helped to build the supply and distribution of qualified nurses to meet our nation's healthcare needs. These programs bolster nursing education at all levels, nurses in the workforce, and provide support for institutions that educate the future nurses who 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.

The Title VIII Nursing Workforce Reauthorization Act 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 four technical changes that are in line with current nursing roles and practices.

Collectively, the Nursing Community represents over one million registered nurses, advanced practice registered nurses, nurse executives, nursing students, faculty, and researchers. The 56 undersigned organizations express staunch support for the Title VIII Nursing Workforce Reauthorization Act, as it strengthens the future of the nursing profession and thus the future health of our nation.

Academy of Medical-Surgical Nurses  
American Academy of Ambulatory Care Nursing  
American Academy of Nursing  
American Assembly for Men in 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 Occupational Health Nurses  
American Association of Nurse Practitioners  
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 Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses  
Commissioned Officers Association of the U.S. Public Health Service  
Dermatology Nurses' Association  
Emergency Nurses Association  
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 American Arab Nurses Association  
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  
National Gerontological Nursing Association  
National League for Nursing  
National Nursing Centers 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  
Public Health Nursing Section, American Public Health Association  
Society of Pediatric Nurses  
Society of Urologic Nurses and Associates