



June 12, 2014

The Honorable Jeff Merkley  
United States Senate  
313 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Merkley,

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As you know, the Title VIII programs bolster nursing education at all levels and provide support for nurses, nursing students, faculty, and institutions to create a more highly educated workforce. While we understand the challenging fiscal climate surrounding the current budget process, it is imperative that the nursing pipeline receives critical assistance through these programs as the demand for healthcare services continues to grow. Our organizations appreciate your commitment to ensuring that America's nurses are afforded the opportunity to advance their education, their careers, and above all provide high-quality care for patients across the country.

Again, we would like to express our extreme gratitude for your continued support for our profession and for being a long-standing nursing champion. If our organizations can be of assistance to you or your staff, please do not hesitate to contact the Convener of the Nursing Community, Dr. Suzanne Miyamoto, at [Smiyamoto@aacn.nche.edu](mailto:Smiyamoto@aacn.nche.edu) or 202-463-6930, ext. 247.

Sincerely,

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Public Health Nursing Section, American Public Health Association  
Society of Urologic Nurses and Associates  
The Quad Council of Public Health Nursing Organizations  
Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nurses Society



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United States House of Representatives  
2231 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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