

December 19, 2018

The Honorable Cheri Bustos United States House of Representatives 1009 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Greg Gianforte United States House of Representatives 1419 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable James McGovern United States House of Representatives 438 Cannon House Office Building Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Katherine Clark United States House of Representatives 2448 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable William Keating United States House of Representatives 2351 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representatives Bustos, Gianforte, McGovern, Clark, Keating,

On behalf of the 46 undersigned organizations representing the Nursing Community Coalition (NCC), we would like to thank you for introducing the United States Cadet Nurse Corps Service Recognition Act (H.R. 7258). The members of the Nursing Community Coalition are the cross section of education, practice, research, and regulation within the nursing profession. As a coalition, we fully support this legislation that recognizes nurses who served as members of the United States Cadet Nurse Corps during World War II and provides them with honorable discharges, medal privileges, and veteran burial benefits.

This year marks the 75th Anniversary of the first class of nurses in the United States Cadet Nurse Corps. From 1943 to 1948, nearly 120,000 nurses honorably served to care for America's servicemen and women during World War II. As the average age of these nurses increases, it is imperative that this legislation moves forward to recognize their invaluable service. The NCC commends your commitment and efforts to honor our nation's nurses who answered the call to action.

Again, we thank you for introducing H.R. 7258 as we acknowledge the service of the U.S. Cadet Nurse Corps. 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, Rachel Stevenson, at rstevenson@thenursingcommunity.org or at 202-463-6930, ext. 271.

Sincerely,

Academy of Medical-Surgical Nurses American Academy of Ambulatory Care Nursing 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 Practitioners

American Nephrology Nurses Association

American Nurses Association

American Nursing Informatics Association

American Organization of Nurse Executives

American Public Health Association, Public Health Nursing Section

American Psychiatric Nurses Association

American Society for Pain Management Nursing

American Society of PeriAnesthesia Nurses

Association of Community Health Nursing Educators

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

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 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 Council of State Boards of Nursing

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

Society of Pediatric Nurses