ANNA’s Federal Legislative Agenda  
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Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 Appropriations Requests

The Nursing Workforce Development Programs administered by the Health Resources and Services Administration are instrumental in bolstering and sustaining the nation’s diverse nursing pipeline by addressing all aspects of nursing workforce demand. The Bureau of Labor Statistics projected that, by 2029, demand for RNs would increase 7%, illustrating an employment change of 221,900 nurses. **ANNA supports the Nursing Community’s request of $530 million in FY 2022 funding for HRSA’s Nursing Workforce Development Programs.**

The National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK) mission is to conduct and support medical research, research training, and to disseminate science-based information on diabetes and other endocrine and metabolic diseases; digestive diseases, nutritional disorders, and obesity; and kidney, urologic, and hematologic diseases, along with population health research to improve people’s health and quality of life. **ANNA supports the Friends of NIDDK request $2.289 billion in FY 2022.**

The National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR) focuses their research on reducing burdensome chronic illness, improving end of life care, and promoting patient-centered care across the life continuum. Nurse researchers and scientists are essential to the development of new evidence-based practices to care for all patients. They will be able to continue their vital work at the forefront of disease prevention, patient care, and recovery through increased investments in NINR. **ANNA supports the Nursing Community Coalition’s request of $193 million for NINR in FY 2022.**

The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) funds the research that generates data to monitor the health care landscape. AHRQ’s research helps ensure the pipeline of new medical findings reaches health care providers and provides them with the tools and training they need to utilize these findings in every-day care for patients. **ANNA supports the Friends of AHRQ request of no less than $500 million in funding for the AHRQ in FY 2022.**

KidneyX, is a public-private partnership to accelerate innovation in the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of kidney diseases. Since its establishment in 2018, KidneyX has provided funding to nearly 50 innovators across three prize competitions for solutions ranging from implantable dialysis devices to new technologies that can exponentially decrease infections during dialysis. **ANNA supports the kidney community’s request of $25 million in funding for KidneyX in FY 2022.**

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Authorizing Legislation

The *Living Donor Protection Act* (H.R. 1255 and S. 377) removes barriers to living organ donation by prohibiting certain discriminations in insurance, and codifying protection for living donors under the *Family and Medical Leave Act* (FMLA). ANNA joins with a broad group of national stakeholders in urging Members of Congress to cosponsor the *Living Donor Protection Act* (H.R. 1255 and S. 377).

The *Future Advancement of Academic Nursing Act* (H.R. 581 and S. 246) authorizes grants to support schools of nursing with program enhancement and infrastructure modernization, increasing the number of nursing faculty and students. ANNA joins with the Nursing Community Coalition in urging Members of Congress to cosponsor the *Future Advancement of Academic Nursing Act* (H.R. 581 and S. 246).

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