



January 19, 2022

The Honorable Charles E. Schumer  
Senate Majority Leader  
United States Senate  
S-221, US Capitol  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Senate Minority Leader  
United States Senate  
S-230, US Capitol  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Leader Schumer and Leader McConnell:

As you work to advance sound policies within the Build Back Better Act that support our current and future nursing workforce, 57 undersigned organizations representing the Nursing Community Coalition (NCC), strongly urge you to include and pass the below priorities, including:

- **At least \$500 million to Support Nursing Education Pathways:** This investment, similar to the Future Advancement of Academic Nursing (FAAN) Act, supports the needs of nursing students, helps retain and hire diverse faculty, modernizes nursing education infrastructure, and creates and expands clinical education opportunities. These efforts are essential and will help prepare nursing students as they transition from the classroom to the frontlines in communities across the country.
- **\$500 million for the Nurse Corps:** These resources would help support scholarships and loan repayment for nurses and Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs),<sup>1</sup> who work in areas that need them the most.
- **Include major provisions of the Momenibus Act, such as:**
  - \$170 million to grow and diversify the nursing workforce in maternal and perinatal health;
  - \$100 million in Maternal Mental Health Equity grant programs;
  - \$85 million in funding for education and training at health professions schools to identify and address health risks associated with climate changes, including for pregnant, lactating, postpartum or individuals who are looking to become pregnant;
  - \$50 million in funding for antidiscrimination and bias training; and millions for other programs including promoting equity in maternal health outcomes through digital tools.

The NCC is a cross section of education, practice, research, and regulation within the nursing profession representing Registered Nurses (RNs), APRNs, nurse leaders, students, faculty, and

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<sup>1</sup> APRNs include certified nurse-midwives (CNMs), certified registered nurse anesthetists (CRNAs), clinical nurse specialists (CNSs) and nurse practitioners (NPs).

researchers who are foundational to the health of the nation. Our members care for patients in all communities, including rural and underserved areas, are at the frontlines of public health challenges, and lead the way to ensure today's science translates to tomorrow's cures.

We appreciate your recognition of how vital our nursing students, nurses, and APRNs are to the fabric of America's health care system. As you consider a path forward, it is essential that resources for nursing education, research, and the workforce are included. Therefore, we urge the Senate to incorporate these shared priorities in any final bill. 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](mailto:rstevenson@thenursingcommunity.org) or at 202-463-6930, ext. 271.

Sincerely,

Academy of Medical-Surgical Nurses  
Academy of Neonatal Nursing  
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 Heart Failure Nurses  
American Association of Neuroscience Nurses  
American Association of Nurse Anesthesiology  
American Association of Nurse Practitioners  
American Association of Post-Acute Care Nursing  
American College of Nurse-Midwives  
American Nephrology Nurses Association  
American Nurses Association  
American Nursing Informatics Association  
American Organization for Nursing Leadership  
American Public Health Association, Public Health Nursing Section  
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  
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 Hartford Center of Gerontological Nursing Excellence  
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  
Society of Urologic Nurses and Associates  
Wound, Ostomy, and Continence Nurses Society

CC:

Senate Nursing Caucus Co-Chair, Senator Jeff Merkley  
Senate Nursing Caucus Co-Chair, Senator Roger Wicker  
All Members of the U.S. Senate