



November 15, 2024

The Honorable Jon Tester
Chairman
Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Jerry Moran
Ranking Member
Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mike Bost
Chairman
House Committee on Veterans' Affairs
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Mark Takano
Ranking Member
House Committee on Veterans' Affairs
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Tester, Chairman Bost, Ranking Member Moran, and Ranking Member Takano:

On behalf of the 63 undersigned organizations representing the Nursing Community Coalition (NCC), we urge you to include and pass H.R.3428/S.1633, the United States Cadet Nurse Corps Service Recognition Act of 2023 in any legislative package honoring our nation's veterans. The NCC is a cross section of education, practice, research, and regulation within the nursing profession, representing Registered Nurses (RNs), Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs),¹ nurse leaders, boards of nursing, students, faculty, and researchers. Together, we support this bipartisan and bicameral effort to honor those who served in the U.S. Cadet Nurse Corps and encourage Congress to pass this important legislation before the end of this year.

From 1943 to 1948, nearly 120,000 nurses answered the call by honorably caring for servicemen and women during World War II. These nurses helped shape the foundation of the profession and should be recognized for their invaluable service. The NCC commends your commitment and efforts to honor these heroic women. As we commemorate their legacy, it is imperative that this legislation is passed and the dedication of those who served in the U.S. Cadet Nurse Corps is acknowledged.

The NCC urges the passage of H.R. 3428/S.1633, the United States Cadet Nurse Corps Service Recognition Act of 2023 this year as we honor these servicewomen for their dedication to our country. We look forward to working with you to move this vital bill forward. If our organizations can be of any assistance, or if you have any questions, please contact the Nursing Community Coalition's Executive Director, Rachel Minahan, at rstevenson@thenursingcommunity.org.

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

Sincerely,

Academy of Medical-Surgical Nurses
Academy of Neonatal Nursing
Alliance of Nurses for Healthy Environments
American Academy of Ambulatory Care Nursing
American Academy of Emergency Nurse Practitioners
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 Occupational Health Nurses
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 Pediatric Surgical Nurses Association, Inc.
American Public Health Association, Public Health Nursing Section
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 Veterans Affairs Nurse Anesthetists
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 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 Forum of State Nursing Workforce Centers
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:

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Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell
Speaker of the House Mike Johnson
House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries
Senator Elizabeth Warren
Representative Mike Lawler