



February 28, 2025

The Honorable Mark Kelly
United States Senate
516 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Jen Kiggans
United States House of Representatives
152 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Senator Kelly and Congresswoman Kiggans:

On behalf of the 55 undersigned organizations representing the Nursing Community Coalition (NCC), we thank you for introducing the Providing Real-World Education and Clinical Experience by Precepting Tomorrow's (PRECEPT) Nurses Act (H.R.392/S.131). 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, the NCC appreciates the introduction of this vital effort and urges Congress to include the PRECEPT Nurses Act in any reconciliation effort this year.

As you are well aware, clinical preparation is a cornerstone of nursing education and requires clinical preceptors, most of whom are nurses, to help guide and develop the skills and competencies of our future nursing workforce. Unfortunately, a recent survey from the American Association of Colleges of Nursing found that primary barriers to accepting all qualified students at nursing schools included such factors as insufficient clinical placement sites and preceptors.² The PRECEPT Nurses Act is an innovative approach to addressing this barrier by providing a \$2000 tax credit to nurses who serve at least 200 hours as a clinical preceptor, with specific emphasis on those in a Health Professional Shortage Area. This bipartisan and bicameral bill underscores the importance of nurse preceptors as we address nursing shortages and increase the number of RNs and APRNs in our communities, especially in rural and underserved areas.

We recognize and agree that "preceptors enhance learning in the real-life clinical setting."³ As Congress examines ways to support the education of our future frontline nursing workforce, we

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

² American Association of Colleges of Nursing. (2024) New AACN Data Points to Enrollment Challenges Facing U.S. Schools of Nursing. Retrieved from: <https://www.aacnnursing.org/news-data/all-news/article/new-aacn-data-points-to-enrollment-challenges-facing-us-schools-of-nursing>

³ National Advisory Council on Nurse Education and Practice (NACNEP). Preparing Nurse Faculty, and Addressing the Shortage of Nurse Faculty and Clinical Preceptors. Retrieved from: <https://www.hrsa.gov/sites/default/files/hrsa/advisory-committees/nursing/reports/nacnep-17report-2021-508.pdf>

must address the preceptor shortage by passing the PRECEPT Nurses Act (H.R.392/S.131). 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 Minahan, at rstevenson@thenursingcommunity.org.

Sincerely,

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 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 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 Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Nurses
Association of periOperative Registered Nurses
Association of Public Health 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 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 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
Preventive Cardiovascular Nurses Association
Society of Pediatric Nurses
Society of Urologic Nurses and Associates
Wound, Ostomy, and Continence Nurses Society

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