



May 29, 2013

The Honorable Jack Kingston  
Chair  
Subcommittee on Labor-HHS-Education  
Appropriations Committee  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Labor-HHS-Education  
Appropriations Committee  
United States House of Representatives  
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The Honorable Tom Harkin  
Chair  
Subcommittee on Labor-HHS-Education  
Appropriations Committee  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Jerry Moran  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Labor-HHS-Education  
Appropriations Committee  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Kingston, Chairman Harkin, Rep. DeLauro, and Senator Moran:

The 58 undersigned members of the Health Professions and Nursing Education Coalition (HPNEC) write to recommend \$520 million for the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)'s Title VII health professions and Title VIII nursing programs in the FY 2014 Labor-HHS-Education spending bill. HPNEC is an alliance of national organizations representing schools, programs, health professionals, and students dedicated to ensuring the health care workforce is trained to meet the needs of our diverse population.

Titles VII and VIII, which celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2013, play a critical role in helping the health professions workforce adapt to meet the nation's changing health care needs. By providing educational and training opportunities to aspiring and practicing health professionals, Titles VII and VIII are the only federally-funded programs that seek to improve the supply, distribution, and diversity of the health professions workforce. As demand for health professionals grows in the face of impending shortages and a growing, aging population, continuing the investment in health professions workforce development will be key to ensuring access to high quality care for all.

Failure to support the full range of health professions workforce programs will have serious consequences for the pipeline that helps to ensure access to quality care for vulnerable and underserved patients. Further, given the synergistic nature of the programs, significant cuts to or elimination of any of the Title VII and VIII programs may reverse the progress to date in mitigating the country's most pressing health care challenges.

While HPNEC recognizes the challenges you face in a difficult fiscal environment, we urge you to ensure the next generation of health professionals is equipped to address the nation's health care complexities by providing \$520 million for Titles VII and VIII in FY 2014.

Sincerely,

Academic Pediatric Association  
American Academy of Family Physicians  
American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry  
American Academy of Pediatrics  
American Academy of Physician Assistants  
American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy  
American Association of Colleges of Nursing  
American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine  
American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy  
American Association of Colleges of Podiatric Medicine  
American Association of Nurse Practitioners  
American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians  
American College of Physicians  
American College of Preventive Medicine  
American Dental Education Association  
American Geriatrics Society  
American Nurses Association  
American Nurses Association  
American Osteopathic Association  
American Pediatric Society  
American Podiatric Medical Association  
American Psychological Association  
American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science  
American Society for Clinical Pathology  
Association for Prevention Teaching and Research  
Association of Academic Health Centers  
Association of American Medical Colleges  
Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges  
Association of Departments of Family Medicine  
Association of Family Medicine Residency Directors  
Association of Medical School Pediatric Department Chairs  
Association of Minority Health Professions Schools  
Association of Rehabilitation Nurses  
Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses  
Coalition of Urban Serving Universities  
Community-Campus Partnerships for Health  
Council on Social Work Education  
Emergency Nurses Association  
Health Professions Network  
Hematology/Oncology Pharmacy Association  
Hispanic-Serving Health Professions Schools  
Movement is Life  
National AHEC Organization  
National Association for Geriatric Education  
National Association of Clinical Nurse Specialists

National Association of Geriatric Education Centers  
National Association of Nurse Practitioners in Women's Health  
National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners  
National Council for Diversity in the Health Professions  
National Hispanic Medical Association  
National League for Nursing  
National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties  
North American Primary Care Research Group  
Oncology Nursing Society  
Physician Assistant Education Association  
Society for Pediatric Research  
Society of General Internal Medicine  
Society of Teachers of Family Medicine