



June 4, 2013

Dear Senator:

The 58 undersigned members of the Health Professions and Nursing Education Coalition (HPNEC) write to thank you for demonstrating support for the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)'s Title VII health professions and Title VIII nursing workforce development programs by joining one or both of the sign-on letters to appropriators led by Senator Jack Reed (D-R.I.) on Title VII and by Senator Jeff Merkley (D-Ore.) on Title VIII. HPNEC is an informal alliance of national organizations dedicated to ensuring the health care workforce is trained to meet the needs of the country's growing, aging, and diverse population.

Continuing the investment in health professions workforce development will be key to ensuring access to high quality care for all in light of a growing demand for health professionals; aging Baby Boomers requiring more care; and millions of Americans entering the health care system.

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, filling gaps in the supply of health professionals not met by traditional market forces.

As you may know, 2013 marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the programs, a testament to their longstanding success in helping the workforce respond to the nation's changing health care needs over time. Over the years, the programs have continued to adapt to prepare health professionals for new care delivery models and emerging health care challenges, enhancing the size and diversity of the health care workforce and improving access to primary care for children, adults, and seniors. Further, their structure allows them to focus on timely topics such as cultural competency, interprofessional education, and behavioral and mental health issues.

HPNEC is grateful for your support for the critical role these programs play in strengthening access to health care services in rural and urban underserved communities alike. Your support is particularly appreciated as the constrained budget environment threatens to eviscerate the modest federal investment in the programs and reverse progress made in mitigating the nation's health care workforce challenges. We look forward to working with you to prioritize a continued investment in the Title VII health professions and Title VIII nursing education programs 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