



December 6, 2010

The President  
The White House  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

The undersigned organizations of the Health Professions and Nursing Education Coalition (HPNEC) write to thank you for your longstanding support of the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)'s Title VII and Title VIII health professions and nursing education programs. HPNEC is an alliance of national organizations representing schools, programs, health professionals, and students dedicated to ensuring that the health workforce is educated and trained to meet the ever-growing needs of our diverse population. As you finalize your FY 2012 budget request, we respectfully urge you to continue to prioritize a strong health care workforce that reflects the nation's urgent workforce needs.

HPNEC is thankful for the commitment shown to these programs by your administration through both the Prevention and Public Health Fund and through your amendments to the FY 2011 budget requesting additional funds for the health professions education and training programs. These actions represent an important step towards placing the Title VII and Title VIII programs on a funding trajectory that will ensure the nation's health care workforce can meet both the growing demand for health professionals and the health care needs of the country's most vulnerable populations.

As you know, the Title VII and Title VIII training programs are an essential component of the nation's health care safety net, improving the supply, distribution, and diversity of health professionals across the country. With existing and looming provider shortages across all health disciplines, increased and stable funding for the Title VII and Title VIII programs is essential.

Once again, thank you for your administration's renewed emphasis on and continued commitment to the health professions programs. We are grateful for your efforts to sustain the Title VII and Title VIII programs, as they are critical to ensuring that the country's neediest communities are served by a well-trained and diverse health care workforce.

Sincerely,



Academic Pediatric Association  
American Academy of Family Physicians  
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 Anesthetists  
American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians  
American College of Physicians  
American College of Preventive Medicine  
American Dental Education Association  
American Geriatrics Society  
American Medical Student 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 American Medical Colleges  
Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges  
Association of Departments of Family Medicine  
Association of Family Medicine Residency Directors  
Association of Minority Health Professions Schools  
Association of Pediatric Medical School Department Chairs  
Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses  
Council on Social Work Education  
HIV Medicine Association  
International Certification and Reciprocity Consortium  
National AHEC Organization



National Association for Geriatric Education  
National Association of Geriatric Education Centers  
National Association of Minority Medical Educations, Inc.  
National Athletic Trainers' Association  
National League for Nursing  
National Network of Health Career Programs in Two-Year Colleges  
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