



February 27, 2013

The President  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Mr. President:

The 60 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 health professions and Title VIII nursing workforce development programs. 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. As you finalize your FY 2014 budget request, we respectfully urge you to continue to prioritize investments in the nation's health care workforce through Titles VII and VIII.

As you may know, 2013 marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the programs. As we reflect on this monumental milestone, we can attribute their long-term viability to their ability to adapt to the nation's health care needs over time. Over the years, they have continued to adapt while also playing a critical role in increasing the size and diversity of the health care workforce and improving access to 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.

As the only federal programs focused on filling the gaps in the supply of health professionals not met by traditional market forces, continued investments are needed to boost the supply of primary care practitioners, increase the diversity of the workforce, and improve the distribution of health professionals. Inadequate funding for the programs would reverse the progress to date in mitigating such challenges, particularly for special and underserved communities. Further, with the Affordable Care Act adding millions of newly insured Americans to the health care system, these programs are crucial to ensuring access to care for all populations.

HPNEC is grateful the administration has pledged not to cut discretionary spending further as recent budget negotiations have left Titles VII and VIII particularly vulnerable. We look forward to working with you to ensure a continued investment in the Title VII health professions and Title VIII nursing education programs into the future.

Sincerely,

Academic Pediatric Society  
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 Osteopathic Internists  
American College of Physicians  
American College of Preventive Medicine  
American Dental Education Association  
American Geriatrics Society  
American Nurses Association  
American Occupational Therapy Association  
American Osteopathic Association  
American Pediatric Society  
American Psychological Association  
American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science  
American Society for Clinical Pathology  
Association for Minority Health Professions Schools  
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 Rehabilitation Nurses  
Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses  
California Association of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselors  
Coalition of Urban Serving Universities  
Community-Campus Partnerships for Health  
Council on Social Work Education  
Health Professions Network  
Hematology/Oncology Pharmacy Association  
Hispanic-Serving Health Professions Schools  
International Certification and Reciprocity Consortium  
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 Minority Medical Educators, Inc.  
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