



April 8, 2015

Dear Senator:

On behalf of the Health Professions and Nursing Education Coalition (HPNEC), thank you for your support of 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.

As you know, Titles VII and VIII are an invaluable component of the health care safety net and have a longstanding tradition of adapting to meet the country's changing health care needs. As the only federal programs designed to provide education and training opportunities that improve the supply, distribution, and diversity of the health care workforce, the programs continue to produce diverse, culturally competent primary care providers prepared to serve in the areas they are needed most.

Today, the nation is growing, aging, and becoming increasingly diverse. Continuing the federal 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.

Again, HPNEC thanks you for your support and we look forward to working with you to ensure a continued investment in the Title VII health professions and Title VIII nursing workforce development programs in fiscal year 2016.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tannaz Rasouli", with a small number "1" at the end of the signature.

Tannaz Rasouli
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