



November 12, 2014

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  
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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  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairmen Harkin and Kingston and Ranking Members Moran and DeLauro:

The 62 undersigned members of the Health Professions and Nursing Education Coalition (HPNEC) write to urge you to include full funding for the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)'s Title VII health professions and Title VIII nursing workforce development programs as you finalize fiscal year (FY) 2015 appropriations. 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 are the only federal programs focused on improving the supply, distribution, and diversity of the health professions workforce. By providing educational and training opportunities to aspiring and practicing health professionals, the programs also play a critical role in helping the workforce adapt to meet the nation's changing health care needs.

As demand for health professionals grows in the face of impending shortages, a robust investment in educating and training the workforce is key to ensuring access to high quality care for all. However, spending proposals that fail to support the full range of health professions programs under Titles VII and VIII will disrupt efforts to address some of the country's most pressing health care challenges, forcing health professions schools to eliminate recruitment and training opportunities that are essential to filling workforce gaps.

The nation faces a growing, aging population, and millions of newly insured Americans entering the health care system. While HPNEC recognizes the challenges you face in a constrained budget environment, we urge you to ensure the next generation of health professionals is

equipped to address the nation's health care complexities by providing full funding for Titles VII and VIII in FY 2015.

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 Dental Research  
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 College of Osteopathic Family Physicians  
American College of Osteopathic Internists  
American College of Physicians  
American College of Preventive Medicine  
American Dental Association  
American Dental Education Association  
American Dental Hygienists' Association  
American Geriatrics Society  
American Nurses Association  
American Occupational Therapy Association  
American Osteopathic Association  
American Pediatric Society  
American Podiatric Medical Association  
American Psychological Association  
American Public Health Association  
American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science  
Association for Prevention Teaching and Research  
Association of American Medical Colleges  
Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges  
Association of Clinicians for the Underserved  
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 Public and Land-grant Universities  
Association of Rehabilitation Nurses  
Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses  
Coalition of Urban Serving Universities  
Council on Social Work Education  
Eldercare Workforce Alliance

Emergency Nurses Association  
Health Professions Network  
Hematology/Oncology Pharmacy  
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 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