



September 25, 2009

Dear Conferee:

The undersigned organizations of the Health Professions and Nursing Education Coalition (HPNEC) write to urge you, during House-Senate conference deliberations on the FY 2010 Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations bill (H.R. 3293), to provide the highest possible funding level for each of the programs under Title VII and Title VIII of the Public Health Service Act. HPNEC is an alliance of national organizations representing schools, programs, health professionals, and students dedicated to ensuring the health workforce is educated and trained to meet the needs of our diverse population.

As you know, the Title VII health professions and Title VIII nursing workforce development programs improve the supply, distribution, and diversity of health professionals nationwide. Recent studies in peer-reviewed journals and other publications have demonstrated the programs' role in strengthening the workforce as the nation faces shortages of health professionals. Providing the highest possible funding level for each of the Title VII and Title VIII programs in the FY 2010 Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations bill will help the programs continue to fulfill this goal.

Your support is greatly appreciated. We look forward to working with you to ensure the continuation of Congressional support for these critical programs.

Sincerely,

Academic Pediatric Association
Alliance for Academic Internal Medicine
American Academy of Family Physicians
American Academy of Nurse Practitioners
American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry
American Academy of Pediatrics
American Academy of Physician Assistants
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 Nurses Association
American Osteopathic Association
American Pediatric Society
American Public Health Association
American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science
American Society of Radiologic Technologists
Association of Academic Health Centers
Association of American Medical Colleges
Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges
Association of Medical School Pediatric Department Chairs
Association of Professors of Medicine
Association of Program Directors in Internal Medicine
Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses (AWHONN)
Clerkship Directors in Internal Medicine
Coalition of Urban Serving Universities
College of American Pathologists
Council on Social Work Education
National AHEC Organization
National Association of Clinical Nurse Specialists
National Association of Medical Minority Educators, Inc, (NAMME)
National Association of Social Workers
National Council for Diversity in Health Professions
National League for Nursing
Oncology Nursing Society
Physician Assistant Education Association
Society for Pediatric Research
Society for Public Health Education
Society of General Internal Medicine