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**ANA PRESIDENT JOINS SENATOR CLINTON ON CAMPAIGN TRAIL**  
*President Patton stresses health care reform, nursing shortage in endorsement speech*

**SILVER SPRING, MD** – Reaffirming the American Nurses Association endorsement of Senator Hillary Clinton, President Rebecca M. Patton, MSN, RN, CNOR joined the Senator on the campaign trail at events in Seattle and Tacoma Washington this week.

“We at the American Nurses Association believe that Hillary Clinton has shown a commitment to implementing real change in our health care system to ensure high quality, affordable and accessible care for all Americans.” Patton told a Tacoma, Washington crowd. “Hillary has recognized the importance of educating, recruiting, and retaining RNs, and she has shown her commitment to nurses by supporting increased funding which helps address the critical nurse shortage.”

President Patton joined the Clinton campaign at an event in Seattle where a crowd of 5,000 gathered to show support for the Senator. Today in Tacoma, President Patton and Senator Clinton spoke at a “Solutions for America” town hall meeting where health care was the focus.

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