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### **ANA WELCOMES NEW ADMINISTRATION**

**SILVER SPRING, MD** –The American Nurses Association (ANA) congratulates President-Elect Barack Obama for his election victory, and looks forward to working with the new administration and new lawmakers to affect positive change for nurses and the patients we serve.

President-Elect Barack Obama has been a consistent champion of America's nurses. As an Illinois state senator, and as a U.S. Senator, Barack Obama has shown a commitment to advancing the nursing profession which will undoubtedly continue as he assumes the highest office in the nation. Barack Obama has promised to work toward improving working conditions for nurses, including limiting mandatory overtime, improving nurse-to-patient ratios, providing additional support to training and incentive programs, and continuing to recognize and support nurses' right to organize. In addition, Obama supports reauthorization of Title VIII training programs with greater financial incentives for students and nurse faculty, including scholarships and loan repayment.

President Elect Obama believes, as ANA does that health care is a basic human right, not a privilege. ANA is ready to work with the new administration to provide safe, affordable quality health care for all. ANA would like to gratefully acknowledge the many nurses and CMAs across the country that devoted time and effort to supporting the campaign through calls, canvassing and mailings.

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