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ANA STATEMENT ON THE PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS TO CONGRESS

SILVER SPRING, MD – The American Nurses Association (ANA) applauds the president’s agenda which includes, in his own words “a historic commitment to comprehensive health care reform” and a pledge to provide “quality, affordable health care for every American.” ANA strongly supports President Obama’s plans to invest heavily in preventive care as a primary means both to improve public health and to reduce health care costs.

“This administration has already shown a real commitment to affecting change in our health care system by expanding the State Children’s Health Insurance Program (S-CHIP), including critical funding for nursing workforce development in the stimulus package, and implementing health information technology,” said ANA President Rebecca M. Patton, MSN, RN, CNOR. “ANA looks forward to contributing nursing’s unique ideas and perspectives on achieving meaningful health care reform.”

ANA has worked to represent the interests of the nation’s diverse nurses, the health care community, and the public that we serve. ANA will continue to work with this administration and with lawmakers to fight for the needs of today’s nursing profession and to achieve health care reform that will best serve the citizens and residents of our country.

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The ANA is the only full-service professional organization representing the interests of the nation's 2.9 million registered nurses through its 51 constituent member nurses associations, its 23 organizational affiliates, and its workforce advocacy affiliate, the Center for American Nurses. The ANA advances the nursing profession by fostering high standards of nursing practice, promoting the rights of nurses in the workplace, projecting a positive and realistic view of nursing, and by lobbying the Congress and regulatory agencies on health care issues affecting nurses and the public.