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## **ANA TESTIFIES BEFORE COMMERCE COMMITTEE**

**SILVER SPRING, MD** – The American Nurses Association (ANA) was on Capitol Hill, June 25th, for a second day of Congressional hearings advocating for meaningful health care reform on behalf of the single largest sector of the healthcare workforce, registered nurses. Kathleen M. White, PhD, RN, CNAA, BC, Chair of the Congress on Nursing Practice and Economics (CNPE) testified on behalf of ANA at Thursday’s hearing before the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

Dr. White emphasized ANA’s support for a public health insurance plan, saying it would “provide the peace of mind that is missing from our current health care environment. Most importantly, health care is a basic human right, individuals and families should have ready access to a restructured health care system that ensures universal access to a standard package of essential healthcare services for all”. Dr. White also commended lawmakers for their work to expand Title VIII Nursing Workforce Development Programs to build the nation’s nursing workforce.

In addition to her leadership role as chair of the CNPE, Dr. White is also an Associate Professor and the Director of the Doctorate of Nursing Practice Program at Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing. To read Dr. White’s complete testimony, please visit

<http://www.nursingworld.org/MainMenuCategories/ANAPoliticalPower/Federal/Testimony.aspx>

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