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## **ANA READY TO WORK WITH NEW CONGRESS**

**Silver Spring, MD** – The American Nurses Association (ANA) is eager to work with the incoming Congress to advance issues of importance to nurses and patients. ANA was pleased to see the significant role played by nurses in this election, as candidates and on campaigns. ANA’s Nurses Campaign Activity Night (Nurses CAN) was a tremendous success and the association will continue to ensure nurses’ voices are heard in the 112<sup>th</sup> Congress.

“The incoming Congress includes the largest freshman class since 1948,” said ANA-PAC Chair Mary Behrens, RN, MSN, FNP-C. “We see this as a significant opportunity to educate new lawmakers on the legislation that impacts nurses, the largest group of health care professionals, and the patients we serve.”

Among ANA’s priorities with the new Congress will be protecting the provisions already enacted by the passage of the Affordable Care Act. This historic legislation benefits both the nursing profession and health care consumers, ANA remains committed to reform which expands access to care and serves to strengthen and improve our health care system for generations to come.

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