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ANA STATEMENT ON RECENT POLITICAL ADS

SILVER SPRING, MD – The American Nurses Association wants to clarify any misconceptions that may have arisen from several political ads that recently began airing in several battleground states.

One ad, entitled “One Heartbeat Away,” references the record of Republican vice presidential candidate Gov. Sarah Palin and is sponsored by the California Nurses Association/National Nurses Organizing Committee. Another ad, which questions the health of Republican presidential candidate Sen. John McCain, is sponsored by Brave New PAC. The American Nurses Association and ANA-PAC are in no way affiliated with either organization, and in the 2008 election, have not sponsored any political ads at the state or national level.

ANA holds the belief that political advocacy is not about political parties, personal agendas or attacks, it is about identifying and supporting the policymakers of any party who share ANA’s commitment to the nursing profession and to improving health care in our country.

ANA has endorsed Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Barack Obama because we believe he is the best candidate to advance the interest of nurses and their patients while serving in the

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White House, and because of his commitment to ensuring all Americans have access to high-quality, affordable health care coverage.

ANA recognizes that as voters, individual members may consider other factors, such as the economy, education and national security in personally deciding which candidate to support.

If you would like to find out more about ANA's endorsement process, please visit,

<http://nursingworld.org/MainMenuCategories/ANAPoliticalPower/ANAPAC/EndorsementProcess.aspx>

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