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ANA AFFIRMS SUPPORT FOR AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

SILVER SPRING, MD – The American Nurses Association (ANA) voiced its strong support for the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and its disappointment with efforts by the 112nd Congress to repeal the law. The U.S. House of Representatives is scheduled to vote today, on H.R.2, a measure to repeal the ACA. ANA sent a letter to all members of the House stating its opposition to the repeal effort and urging lawmakers to vote against it. Prior to the vote, ANA participated in a press conference on Capitol Hill to reiterate steadfast support for the ACA. More than 150 organizations representing a broad cross section of the nation took part in the event.

“ANA maintains its strong support for the Affordable Care Act,” remarked ANA President Karen A. Daley, PhD, MPH, RN, FAAN. “This law achieves much-needed reforms; it places a new focus on wellness and prevention, improves access to primary care and expands coverage to millions. Individuals and families are already reaping the benefits, and I hope that instead of meaningless gestures, lawmakers focus on implementing a fully funded health care reform law so that it expands access to care, improves quality, and strengthens the health care workforce.”

To learn more about ANA’s efforts on health care reform implementation, please visit www.rnaction.org/healthcare.

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