



May 1, 2017

Dear Congresswoman Johnson:

The American Nurses Association (ANA) is pleased to support the National Nurse Act of 2017. This legislation would designate the same individual serving as the Chief Nurse Officer (CNO) of the Public Health Service as the National Nurse for Public Health.

Representing the interests of our nation's more than 3.6 million registered nurses, ANA members serve in a variety of capacities providing general and specialty care as registered nurses and advanced practice nurses (APRNs), a group that includes certified nurse midwives, certified registered nurse anesthetists, clinical nurse specialists and nurse practitioners. These nurses practice in a wide range of settings such as private practices, hospitals, and home health settings around the country.

Thank you for your leadership in raising the visibility of nurses. The ANA appreciates that this legislation includes a report to Congress on the Commissioned Corps Nursing Category and achieves a stronger focus on the role of the CNO in advocating for programs that address the health care demands of our nation.

We applaud the intention of the National Nurse Act and look forward to working with you in the 115<sup>th</sup> Congress on legislation that strengthens America's health care system.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michelle Artz". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Michelle Artz

Director of Government Affairs