



February 28, 2025

The Honorable Mark Kelly  
United States Senate  
516 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Jen Kiggans  
United States House of Representatives  
152 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Senator Kelly and Congresswoman Kiggans:

On behalf of the 55 undersigned organizations representing the Nursing Community Coalition (NCC), we thank you for introducing the Providing Real-World Education and Clinical Experience by Precepting Tomorrow's (PRECEPT) Nurses Act (H.R.392/S.131). The NCC is a cross section of education, practice, research, and regulation within the nursing profession, representing Registered Nurses (RNs), Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs),<sup>1</sup> nurse leaders, boards of nursing, students, faculty, and researchers. Together, the NCC appreciates the introduction of this vital effort and urges Congress to include the PRECEPT Nurses Act in any reconciliation effort this year.

As you are well aware, clinical preparation is a cornerstone of nursing education and requires clinical preceptors, most of whom are nurses, to help guide and develop the skills and competencies of our future nursing workforce. Unfortunately, a recent survey from the American Association of Colleges of Nursing found that primary barriers to accepting all qualified students at nursing schools included such factors as insufficient clinical placement sites and preceptors.<sup>2</sup> The PRECEPT Nurses Act is an innovative approach to addressing this barrier by providing a \$2000 tax credit to nurses who serve at least 200 hours as a clinical preceptor, with specific emphasis on those in a Health Professional Shortage Area. This bipartisan and bicameral bill underscores the importance of nurse preceptors as we address nursing shortages and increase the number of RNs and APRNs in our communities, especially in rural and underserved areas.

We recognize and agree that "preceptors enhance learning in the real-life clinical setting."<sup>3</sup> As Congress examines ways to support the education of our future frontline nursing workforce, we

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<sup>1</sup> APRNs include certified nurse-midwives (CNMs), certified registered nurse anesthetists (CRNAs), clinical nurse specialists (CNSs) and nurse practitioners (NPs)

<sup>2</sup> American Association of Colleges of Nursing. (2024) New AACN Data Points to Enrollment Challenges Facing U.S. Schools of Nursing. Retrieved from: <https://www.aacnnursing.org/news-data/all-news/article/new-aacn-data-points-to-enrollment-challenges-facing-us-schools-of-nursing>

<sup>3</sup> National Advisory Council on Nurse Education and Practice (NACNEP). Preparing Nurse Faculty, and Addressing the Shortage of Nurse Faculty and Clinical Preceptors. Retrieved from: <https://www.hrsa.gov/sites/default/files/hrsa/advisory-committees/nursing/reports/nacnep-17report-2021-508.pdf>

must address the preceptor shortage by passing the PRECEPT Nurses Act (H.R.392/S.131). If the Nursing Community Coalition can be of any assistance to you or your staff, please do not hesitate to contact the coalition's Executive Director, Rachel Minahan, at [rstevenson@thenursingcommunity.org](mailto:rstevenson@thenursingcommunity.org).

Sincerely,

Academy of Neonatal Nursing  
Alliance of Nurses for Healthy Environments  
American Academy of Ambulatory Care Nursing  
American Academy of Emergency Nurse Practitioners  
American Academy of Nursing  
American Association of Colleges of Nursing  
American Association of Critical-Care Nurses  
American Association of Heart Failure Nurses  
American Association of Neuroscience Nurses  
American Association of Nurse Anesthesiology  
American Association of Occupational Health Nurses  
American Association of Post-Acute Care Nursing  
American College of Nurse-Midwives  
American Nephrology Nurses Association  
American Nurses Association  
American Nursing Informatics Association  
American Organization for Nursing Leadership  
American Pediatric Surgical Nurses Association, Inc.  
American Psychiatric Nurses Association  
American Society for Pain Management Nursing  
American Society of PeriAnesthesia Nurses  
Association of Community Health Nursing Educators  
Association of Nurses in AIDS Care  
Association of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Nurses  
Association of periOperative Registered Nurses  
Association of Public Health Nurses  
Commissioned Officers Association of the U.S. Public Health Service  
Dermatology Nurses' Association  
Emergency Nurses Association  
Friends of the National Institute of Nursing Research  
Gerontological Advanced Practice Nurses Association  
Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association  
Infusion Nurses Society  
International Association of Forensic Nurses  
International Society of Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurses  
National Association of Clinical Nurse Specialists  
National Association of Hispanic Nurses  
National Association of Neonatal Nurse Practitioners  
National Association of Neonatal Nurses

National Association of Nurse Practitioners in Women's Health  
National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners  
National Association of School Nurses  
National Council of State Boards of Nursing  
National Forum of State Nursing Workforce Centers  
National Hartford Center of Gerontological Nursing Excellence  
National League for Nursing  
National Nurse-Led Care Consortium  
National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties  
Nurses Organization of Veterans Affairs  
Oncology Nursing Society  
Organization for Associate Degree Nursing  
Preventive Cardiovascular Nurses Association  
Society of Pediatric Nurses  
Society of Urologic Nurses and Associates  
Wound, Ostomy, and Continence Nurses Society

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