



July 24, 2023

The Honorable Jeff Merkley
531 Hart Senate Office Building
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Merkley:

On behalf of the 56 undersigned organizations representing the Nursing Community Coalition (NCC), we thank you for introducing S.1446, the Nurse Corps Tax Parity Act of 2023. 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),¹ nurse leaders, boards of nursing, students, faculty, and researchers. Together, we support this bipartisan effort to create parity in federal programs and support those current and future nurses who receive Nurse Corps funding.

Nurse Corps Loan Repayment and Scholarships are one of the invaluable resources under Title VIII Nursing Workforce Development Programs that helps ensure nursing students and nurses enter practice where health care is needed the most. This includes health care facilities that have a critical shortage of nurses, which, most often, are located in health professional shortage areas and medically underserved regions. Unlike other programs, such as the National Health Service Corps (NHSC), the Nurse Corps is subject to federal taxes. S.1446 would change this and aims for parity among these vital federal programs.

The NCC appreciates the introduction of S.1446, the Nurse Corps Tax Parity Act of 2023 and we look forward to working with you to advance this effort in the 118th Congress. If our organizations can be of any assistance, or if you have any questions, please contact the Nursing Community Coalition's Executive Director, Rachel Stevenson, at rstenenson@thenursingcommunity.org.

Sincerely,

Academy of Medical-Surgical Nurses
Academy of Neonatal Nursing
American Academy of Ambulatory Care Nursing
American Academy of Emergency Nurse Practitioners
American Academy of Nursing

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

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 Nurse Practitioners
American College of Nurse-Midwives
American Nephrology Nurses Association
American Nurses Association
American Psychiatric Nurses Association
American Nursing Informatics Association
American Organization for Nursing Leadership
American Pediatric Surgical Nurses Association, Inc.
American Society for Pain Management Nursing
American Society of PeriAnesthesia Nurses
Association for Radiologic and Imaging Nursing
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
Association of Veterans Affairs Nurse Anesthetists
Association of Rehabilitation Nurses
Commissioned Officers Association of the U.S. Public Health Service
Dermatology 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 Black Nurses Association
National Forum of State Nursing Workforce Centers
National Hartford Center of Gerontological Nursing Excellence
National League for Nursing
National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties
National Nurse-Led Care Consortium
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

cc:

Senator Roger Wicker
Senator Patty Murray
Senator John Boozman
Senator Bernie Sanders
Senator Sheldon Whitehouse
Senator Debbie Stabenow
Senator Peter Welch
Senator Amy Klobuchar
Senator Mark Kelly
Senator Kirsten Gillibrand
Senator Jon Ossoff