



February 14, 2022

Senator Jon Tester  
Chairman  
Committee on Veterans' Affairs  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Senator Jerry Moran  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Veterans' Affairs  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Tester and Ranking Member Moran:

On behalf of the 56 undersigned organizations representing the Nursing Community Coalition (NCC), we urge you to include and pass the bipartisan United States Cadet Nurse Corps Service Recognition Act of 2021 (S.1220/H.R.2568) in any legislative package honoring our nation's veterans. This bill recognizes the nurses who served as members of the U.S. Cadet Nurse Corps during World War II and provides them with honorable veteran status, a service medal, a burial plaque or grave marker, and other privileges. 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, students, faculty, and researchers. Together, we urge the passage of this vital legislation this Congress.

From 1943 to 1948, nearly 120,000 nurses answered the call by honorably caring for servicemen and women during World War II. These nurses helped shape the foundation of the profession and should be recognized for their invaluable service. The NCC commends the commitment and efforts to honor these heroic women. As we commemorate their legacy, it is imperative that this legislation is passed and the dedication of those who served in the U.S. Cadet Nurse Corps is acknowledged.

The NCC urges the passage of the United States Cadet Nurse Corps Service Recognition Act this Congress as we honor these servicewomen for their dedication to our country. We look forward to working with you to move this vital bill forward. 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 [rstevenson@thenursingcommunity.org](mailto:rstevenson@thenursingcommunity.org) or at 202-463-6930, ext. 271.

Sincerely,

Academy of Medical-Surgical Nurses  
Academy of Neonatal Nursing

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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).

American Academy of Ambulatory Care Nursing  
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 Nurse Practitioners  
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 Public Health Association, Public Health Nursing Section  
American Psychiatric Nurses Association  
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 Rehabilitation Nurses  
Association of Veterans Affairs Nurse Anesthetists  
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 Black Nurses Association  
National Council of State Boards of Nursing  
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

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