



October 18, 2018

The Honorable Paul Tonko
United States House of Representatives
2463 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Ben Ray Luján
United States House of Representatives
2231 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C, 20515

Dear Representatives Tonko and Luján,

On behalf of the 48 undersigned organizations representing the Nursing Community Coalition (NCC), we would like to express our deepest appreciation to you for your commitment and dedication to the provision *Allowing for More Flexibility with Respect to Medication-Assisted Treatment for Opioid Use Disorders* that was included in the passage of the final opioid package. Your tenacity for improved access to treatment is deeply appreciated by the NCC.

The members of the NCC are the cross section of education, practice, research, and regulation within the nursing profession and fully support the inclusion of Advance Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs) as critical providers working to curb the opioid epidemic. With over four million licensed Registered Nurses, APRNs, and nursing students, the profession shares your drive and passion to continually improve care for patients, families, and communities. This important provision, originally stemming from your *Addiction Treatment Access Improvement Act*, will greatly increase the number of providers who can treat substance use disorders.

Again, we commend your leadership to introduce the *Addiction Treatment Access Improvement Act*, and your tenacity to see its provisions included in the final opioid package. We appreciate your continued support of America's nurses and hope to work with you on similarly vital legislation in the future. If the Nursing Community Coalition can be of any assistance to you please do not hesitate to contact the coalition's Executive Director, Dr. Suzanne Miyamoto, at smiyamoto@aacnnursing.org.

Sincerely,

Academy of Medical-Surgical Nurses
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 Anesthetists
American Association of Nurse Assessment Coordination
American Association of Nurse Practitioners
American College of Nurse-Midwives

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Association of Community Health Nursing Educators
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Infusion Nurses Society
International Association of Forensic Nurses
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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 Pediatric Nurse Practitioners
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Nurses Organization of Veterans Affairs
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Society of Pediatric Nurses
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