



August 23, 2022

The Honorable Adam Smith  
Chairman  
House Committee on Armed Services  
2216 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Jack Reed  
Chairman  
Senate Committee on Armed Services  
228 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mike Rogers  
Ranking Member  
House Committee on Armed Services  
2216 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable James Inhofe  
Ranking Member  
Senate Committee on Armed Services  
228 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairmen Smith and Reed and Ranking Members Rogers and Inhofe:

On behalf of the 58 undersigned organizations representing the Nursing Community Coalition (NCC), and as the Senate begins to look ahead to the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) (H.R. 7900/S. 4543) conference negotiations, we urge you to include recognition for the United States Cadet Nurse Corps in any final bill. Specifically, we would like you to retain *Sec. 5103 - Sense of Congress regarding women who served as cadet nurses during World War II*, which was included in the House-passed NDAA.

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 include an amendment in the NDAA that honors these heroic women as one valuable way to commemorate their lasting legacy.

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 amendment as part of a broader NDAA package. By including this strongly supported bipartisan amendment in the FY 2023 NDAA, Congress will rightfully recognize the nurses who served as members of the United States Cadet Nurse Corps.

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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).

The NCC strongly urges the retention of *Sec. 5103 - Sense of Congress regarding women who served as cadet nurses during World War II* in the final FY 2023 NDAA conference agreement, which helps honor the contributions the U.S. Cadet Nurse Corps made to the war efforts and recognizes these servicewomen for their dedication to our nation. 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

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  
Pediatric Endocrinology Nursing Society  
Preventive Cardiovascular Nurses Association  
Society of Pediatric Nurses  
Society of Urologic Nurses and Associates  
Wound, Ostomy, and Continence Nurses Society

CC:

Chairman Jon Tester, Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs  
Ranking Member Jerry Moran, Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs  
Chairman Mark Takano, House Committee on Veterans' Affairs  
Ranking Member Mike Bost, House Committee on Veterans' Affairs  
Senator Elizabeth Warren  
Representative Cheri Bustos