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ANA URGES SUPPORT FOR NURSING WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

Silver Spring, MD, The American Nurses Association calls on nurses to contact their Congressional leaders and speak out in opposition to proposed cuts to vital nursing programs. In an attempt to overcome a veto last month by President Bush, Congressional leaders are developing a new health funding plan for next year which includes \$11 billion in spending cuts. Please make your voice heard now to ensure that nursing workforce development funding is not included in these cuts.

ANA has been a driving force in efforts to increase funding for the Nursing Workforce Development programs administered by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) under Title VIII of the Public Service Act. HRSA administers the nation's nursing education programs that could serve to recruit new nurses into the profession, promote career advancement within nursing, and recruit nurses into critical shortage areas.

Contact your Member of Congress and Senators today. Tell them that now is the time to invest in nursing. For more information and a draft letter to Congress, please visit http://rnaction.org/campaign/maintain_increased_funding_levels

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