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LAWMAKERS TO VOTE ON INCREASED FUNDING FOR NURSING WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

Silver Spring, MD, The American Nurses Association is pleased to announce that nurses have made their voices heard on Capitol Hill. A budget battle between Congress and the White House threatened vital funding for nursing workforce development programs. ANA urged nurses to call and write lawmakers to urge them to invest in nursing. A year end spending package set to be voted on this week includes a \$6.4 million increase in FY 2008 funding for the Title VIII nursing workforce development programs.

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 are designed to recruit new nurses into the profession, promote career advancement within nursing, and recruit nurses into critical shortage areas.

For more information on this vote, and on how you can join ANA's fight for nursing issues on Capitol Hill, please visit <http://naction.org/politicalpower/home.tcl>

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