



The Voice of Nursing Leadership™

American Organization
of Nurse Executives

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Dear Representative,

On behalf of the American Organization of Nurse Executives (AONE), congratulations on your election to the 115th Congress. We look forward to working with you as Congress examines improvements to our nation's health care system.

As the national organization of the 9,700 nurse leaders who design, facilitate and manage care, AONE is the leading voice of nurses in leadership positions in health care. Our members serve in hospitals, academic medical centers, nursing homes, critical access hospitals and throughout the continuum of care. AONE is a subsidiary of the American Hospital Association (AHA) and its voice on nursing issues.

AONE supports the following core principles:

- A robust and diverse nursing workforce is essential to the health of all Americans.
- Nurses are integral members of the health care team and are critical to achieving the Triple Aim: improving quality of care to individuals, improving the health of communities and simultaneously reducing costs.
- Affordable, accessible, quality health care and improved patient outcomes depend upon patient-centered and comprehensive care provided by interdisciplinary partnerships of physicians, nurses and other health professionals.
- Nursing data is central to improve patient outcomes, quality, safety and the delivery of population-based care.

As Congress looks to address the health care crisis facing Americans, we look forward to working with you to improve health care delivery models that will support the health care system, providing access to cost effective, quality care across the continuum. This endeavor cannot be achieved without strong support for nursing education, research and practice.

Should you have additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact Jo Ann Webb, vice president, federal relations and policy at 202.626.2321 or jwebb@aha.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Maureen Swick".

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