



American Organization  
of Nurse Executives

August 9, 2018

The Honorable Drew Ferguson  
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Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable David Cicilline  
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Dear Representatives Ferguson and Cicilline:

The American Organization of Nurse Executives (AONE) is pleased to support the Protecting Job Opportunities for Borrowers (JOBS) Act, H.R. 6156. We commend you for introducing legislation addressing state licensure revocation resulting from student loan default.

AONE is the national organization of the 9,700 nurse leaders who manage and provide patient care in all settings across the health care continuum. Nurses are instrumental in ensuring patients receive safe, quality and coordinated care across health care settings. Currently, communities across the country struggle to recruit and retain nurses needed to meet their health care needs.

With the tremendous cost of nursing education and escalating student loan burden, many nurses are in debt when they begin their careers. The Protecting JOBS Act recognizes defaulting on a student loan is not sufficient basis to deny an individual their ability to hold a license in a profession for which they are certified and deemed competent by state authority. AONE believes revocation of professional nursing licensure is a matter to be handled by the state board of nursing.

AONE supports your efforts to remove unnecessary licensing barriers. If you have any questions, please contact Jo Ann Webb, vice president of federal relations and policy, at [jwebb@aha.org](mailto:jwebb@aha.org) or 202-626-2321. We look forward to working with you to on resolving this issue.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Marco Rubio  
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Dear Senators Rubio and Warren:

The American Organization of Nurse Executives (AONE) is pleased to support the Protecting Job Opportunities for Borrowers (JOBS) Act, S. 3065. We commend you for introducing legislation addressing state licensure revocation resulting from student loan default.

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