

August 14, 2014

The Honorable Jeff Merkley
United States Senate
711 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC, 20510

Dear Senator Merkley,

On behalf of the 32 undersigned organizations, we would like to thank you for introducing S. Res. 514 designating the week of August 10 through 16, 2014, as "National Nurse-Managed Health Clinic Week."

As longstanding supporters of Nurse-Managed Health Clinics (NMHCs), we commend your resolution as it recognizes the vital role these clinics play in providing high-quality and efficient care. More specifically, S. Res. 514 increases awareness and continued support for NMHCs, which are an essential part of our healthcare delivery system. Nurse-managed health clinics are run by nurses. Many have advanced practice degrees and are nurse practitioners, clinical nurse specialists, certified nurse-midwives, and public health nurses. They are located in communities where patient populations are typically diverse and underserved, and help to ensure access to care. Moreover, these sites help to prevent costly and burdensome hospitalizations by working with patients to manage their chronic illnesses, provide screenings and early interventions, and promote health and wellness.

Additionally, your resolution highlights the importance of NMHCs as clinical training sites for future generations of health professionals, including nurses. NMHCs provide APRNs and other clinicians an interprofessional education and practice environment so that patients have access to a wide spectrum of services.

We would like to once again thank you for introducing S. Res. 514 and for your continued support for our profession. If our organizations can be of any assistance, please contact Dr. Suzanne Miyamoto, at Smiyamoto@aacn.nche.edu, or 202-463-6930, ext. 247.

Sincerely,

Academy of Medical-Surgical Nurses
American Academy of Ambulatory Care Nursing
American Academy of Nursing
American Association of Colleges of Nursing
American Association of Neuroscience Nurses
American Association of Nurse Practitioners
American College of Nurse-Midwives
American Nurses Association
American Organization of Nurse Executives
American Psychiatric Nurses Association

American Society for Pain Management Nursing
American Society of PeriAnesthesia Nurses
Association of Community Health Nursing Educators
Association of Radiologic & Imaging Nursing
Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses
Commissioned Officers Association of the U.S. Public Health Service
Dermatology Nurses' Association
Gerontological Advanced Practice Nurses Association
Infusion Nurses Society
International Society of Psychiatric Nursing
National Association of Clinical Nurse Specialists
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 Gerontological Nursing Association
National Nursing Centers Consortium
National Organization for Associate Degree Nursing
National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties
Oncology Nursing Society
Preventive Cardiovascular Nurses Association
Society of Urologic Nurses and Associates