



February XX, 2020

Senator Jerry Moran  
Chairman  
Committee on Veterans' Affairs  
United States Senate  
412 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Senator Jon Tester  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Veterans' Affairs  
United States Senate  
825A Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Moran and Ranking Member Tester:

On behalf of the XX undersigned organizations representing the Nursing Community Coalition (NCC), we urge you to consider and advance S. 997, the United States Cadet Nurse Corps Service Recognition Act of 2019. This legislation recognizes the nurses who served as members of the United States Cadet Nurse Corps during World War II and provides them with honorable discharges, medal privileges, and burial benefits for cemeteries administered under the Department of Veterans Affairs. As a coalition representing the cross section of nursing education, practice, research, and regulation within the nursing profession, we fully support S. 997 and encourage the Committee to take up and pass this important legislation this Congress.

As we celebrate the Year of the Nurse and the Midwife, it is vital that we not only recognize the nurses currently helping patients every day, but also honor the nurses that laid the foundation of our profession. This is the case for the nearly 120,000 nurses who answered the call from 1943 to 1948 and honorably cared for our servicemen and women during World War II. As the average age of these nurses increases, it is imperative that we recognize these brave women before it is too late.

The NCC thanks you for your consideration and requests you to consider and advance S. 997, the United States Cadet Nurse Corps Service Recognition Act of 2019. If our organizations can be of any assistance, or if you have any questions, please contact the Nursing Community Coalition's Executive Director, Rachel Stevenson, at [rstevenson@thenursingcommunity.org](mailto:rstevenson@thenursingcommunity.org) or at 202-463-6930, ext. 271.

Sincerely,

Academy of Medical-Surgical Nurses  
American Academy of Ambulatory Care Nursing  
American Academy of Emergency Nurse Practitioners  
American Academy of Nursing  
American Association of Colleges of Nursing  
American Association of Critical-Care Nurses  
American Association of Heart Failure Nurses

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American Association of Neuroscience Nurses  
American Association of Nurse Anesthetists  
American Association of Nurse Practitioners  
American Association of Post-Acute Care Nursing  
American College of Nurse-Midwives  
American Nephrology Nurses Association  
American Nurses Association  
American Nursing Informatics Association  
American Organization of Nursing Leadership  
American Pediatric Surgical Nurses Association, Inc.  
American Public Health Association, Public Health Nursing Section  
American Psychiatric Nurses Association  
American Society for Pain Management Nursing  
American Society of PeriAnesthesia Nurses  
Association for Radiologic & Imaging Nursing  
Association of Community Health Nursing Educators  
Association of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Nurses  
Association of periOperative Registered Nurses  
Association of Public Health Nurses  
Association of Rehabilitation Nurses  
Association of Veterans Affairs Nurse Anesthetists  
Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses  
Chi Eta Phi Sorority, Incorporated  
Dermatology Nurses' Association  
Emergency Nurses Association  
Friends of the National Institute of Nursing Research  
Gerontological Advanced Practice Nurses Association  
Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association  
Infusion Nurses Society  
International Association of Forensic Nurses  
International Society of Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurses  
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 Black Nurses Association  
National Council of State Boards of Nursing  
National Forum of State Nursing Workforce Centers  
National League for Nursing  
National Nurse-Led Care Consortium  
National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties  
Nurses Organization of Veterans Affairs  
Oncology Nursing Society  
Organization for Associate Degree Nursing  
Preventive Cardiovascular Nurses Association  
Society of Pediatric Nurses  
Society of Urologic Nurses and Associates

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Senator John Boozman

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Senator Bernie Sanders  
Senator Sherrod Brown  
Senator Richard Blumenthal  
Senator Mazie Hirono  
Senator Joe Manchin  
Senator Kyrsten Sinema