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Dear RDML Moon:

On behalf of the [Nursing Community Coalition \(NCC\)](#), we would like to congratulate you as the new Chief Nurse Officer at the U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps and welcome the opportunity to meet and discuss shared goals. The NCC represents a cross section of education, practice, research, and regulation within the nursing profession and believes that the healthcare delivery system should be one that promotes wellness, advances research through scientific discovery, and provides timely access to care across the life continuum. We are proud to continue our work with the USPHS Commissioned Corps, especially as nurses, Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs),¹ nurse leaders, boards of nursing, students, faculty, and researchers represent the largest segment of the healthcare workforce.

As we have witnessed, nurses and APRNs are among the leading experts at the frontlines. Through your work at the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), including as part of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) implementation efforts, and at the ICE Health Service Corps (previously the Division of Immigration Health Services), you understand the importance of ensuring access to high-quality health care. We recognize how important the USPHS Commissioned Corps, and the nurses who serve, are to these efforts, no matter if it is in a remote rural area, or a large urban city. Ensuring the health care of communities across the country is crucial. That is why we have supported various initiatives to remove barriers to practice, encourage innovation, and address all public health challenges, including COVID-19 and the ongoing opioid and mental health crises.

The unique partnership the Nursing Community Coalition has created with our members allows our national organizations to unite on shared agendas and promote America's health through nursing care, research, and science. We would welcome the opportunity to meet with you directly and share our collective priorities. In the meantime, and as you begin your work in this new role, please let us know if

¹ APRNs include certified nurse-midwives (CNMs), certified registered nurse anesthetists (CRNAs), clinical nurse specialists (CNSs) and nurse practitioners (NPs).

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we can be of any assistance by contacting the Nursing Community Coalition's Executive Director, Rachel Stevenson, at rstevenson@thenursingcommunity.org.

Sincerely,

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Academy of Neonatal Nursing
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
American Association of Neuroscience Nurses
American Association of Nurse Anesthesiology
American Association of Nurse Practitioners
American Association of Occupational Health Nurses
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 for 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
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Association of Community Health Nursing Educators
Association of Nurses in AIDS Care
Association of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Nurses
Association of periOperative Registered Nurses
Association of Public Health Nurses
Association of Rehabilitation Nurses
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Infusion Nurses Society
International Association of Forensic Nurses
International Society of Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurses

National Association of Clinical Nurse Specialists
National Association of Hispanic Nurses
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 Association of School Nurses
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
Pediatric Endocrinology Nursing Society
Preventive Cardiovascular Nurses Association
Society of Pediatric Nurses
Society of Urologic Nurses and Associates
Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nurses Society