

May 8, 2014

The Honorable Ron Wyden
Chairman
Senate Finance Committee
221 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Orrin Hatch
Ranking Member
Senate Finance Committee
104 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Tom Harkin
Chairman
Senate Committee on Health, Education,
Labor and Pensions
731 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Lamar Alexander
Ranking Member
Senate Committee on Health, Education,
Labor and Pensions
455 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairmen Wyden and Harkin, and Ranking Members Hatch and Alexander:

On behalf of the 32 undersigned national nursing organizations representing nursing education, practice, and research, we support President Obama's nomination of White House Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Director Sylvia Mathews Burwell for Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), and urge the Senate's confirmation of Ms. Burwell for this position. As Secretary, we believe Ms. Burwell would serve HHS and the nation well by guiding the agency's activities related to improving the health of America.

In addition to her directorship at OMB, Ms. Burwell's professional portfolio includes past presidency of the Walmart Foundation and the Global Development Program at the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, service as Deputy Director of OMB, Chief of Staff to the Secretary of the Treasury, and Staff Director of the National Economic Council. Ms. Burwell's extensive experience in the economic and policy sectors will successfully translate to HHS so that the nation continues to benefit from high-quality, cost-effective health care.

Again, we respectfully urge the Senate to confirm Sylvia Mathews Burwell as Secretary of HHS. If our organizations can be of any assistance, or if you have any questions, 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 Assembly for Men in Nursing
American Association of Colleges of Nursing
American Association of Nurse Anesthetists
American Association of Nurse Assessment Coordination
American Association of Nurse Practitioners
American Association of Critical-Care Nurses
American College of Nurse-Midwives
American Nephrology Nurses' Association

American Nurses Association
American Organization of Nurse Executives
American Pediatric Surgical Nurses Association
American Society for Pain Management Nursing
Association of Nurses in AIDS Care
Association of periOperative Registered Nurses
Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses
Developmental Disabilities Nurses Association
Gerontological Advanced Practice Nurses Association
Infusion Nurses Society
International Society of Psychiatric Nursing
National American Arab Nurses Association
National Association of Clinical Nurse Specialists
National Association of Hispanic Nurses
National Association of School Nurses
National Nursing Centers Consortium
National Organization for Associate Degree Nursing
Nurses Organization of Veterans Affairs
Oncology Nursing Society
Society of Urologic Nurses and Associates
Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nurses Society

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Senator Charles E. Schumer
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Senator Chuck Grassley
Senator Mike Crapo
Senator Maria Cantwell
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