

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](mailto: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