



March 22, 2018

The Honorable Stephanie Murphy
1237 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Murphy,

On behalf of the 46 undersigned organizations representing the Nursing Community Coalition, we would like to thank you for introducing the Gun Violence Research Act (H.R. 1478). The members of the Nursing Community Coalition are the cross section of education, practice, research, and regulation within the nursing profession. The coalition supports this legislation which would prevent limitations from being imposed on the Department of Health and Human Services, including the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, to promote evidence-based research that examines the causes of gun violence and identifies methods to reduce gun-related fatalities and injuries.

With over four million licensed Registered Nurses, Advanced Practice Registered Nurses, and nursing students, the profession tirelessly works to continually improve care for patients, families, and communities. This exceptional care is firmly grounded in evidence, compassion, and evaluation. Research to reduce gun-related fatalities and injuries only serves to help those impacted by tragedies, like the most recent act that shook the Parkland, Florida community. The Gun Violence Research Act would enable researchers to study gun violence to create a safer, more secure future and for it to be shared publicly. As a profession driven by science and advocacy, this is a common-sense solution.

Again, we commend the introduction of H.R. 1478, and appreciate your support for America's public health and safety by reducing barriers that impede the promotion of evidence-based research. If the Nursing Community Coalition can be of any assistance to you or your staff, please do not hesitate to contact the coalition's Executive Director, Dr. Suzanne Miyamoto, at smiyamoto@aacnnursing.org or 202-463-6930, ext. 247.

Sincerely,

Academy of Medical-Surgical Nurses
American Academy of Nursing
American Association of Colleges of Nursing
American Association of Critical-Care Nurses
American Association of Neuroscience Nurses
American Association of Nurse Anesthetists
American Association of Nurse Assessment Coordination
American Association of Nurse Practitioners
American College of Nurse-Midwives
American Nephrology Nurses Association

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Association of Public Health Nurses
Association of Rehabilitation Nurses
Association of Veterans Affairs Nurse Anesthetists
Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses
Commissioned Officers Association of the U.S. Public Health Service
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 Association of School Nurses
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National League for Nursing
National Nurse-Led Care Consortium
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Oncology Nursing Society
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Preventive Cardiovascular Nurses Association
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