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The Honorable Brett Guthrie
Chair
House Committee on Energy & Commerce
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Bill Cassidy, M.D.
Chair
Committee on Health, Education, Labor and
Pensions
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Frank Pallone
Ranking Member
Committee on Energy & Commerce
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Bernie Sanders
Ranking Member
Committee on Health, Education, Labor and
Pensions
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chair Guthrie, Chair Cassidy, Ranking Member Pallone and Ranking Member Sanders:

On behalf of the XX undersigned organizations, we are writing to strongly urge swift consideration and advancement of legislation that would reauthorize the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Title VII health professions and Title VIII nursing workforce development programs, which are set to expire at the end of fiscal year 2025 (September 30, 2025).

Together, our national organizations represent schools, students, health professionals, and communities focused on ensuring that the health workforce is prepared to meet the varied needs of our entire population and deliver excellent patient care. At the same time, we support programs that successfully recruit, educate, and support physicians, physician assistants, nurses, geriatrics professionals, mental and behavioral health providers, public health practitioners, social workers, and other frontline health care workers. HRSA's Title VII and VIII programs do just that and are all essential in educating current and future providers to work across the country, advancing new delivery systems, and enhancing interprofessional and integrated models of care. These programs produce real, measurable results and positive community impact. Studies show that Title VII and Title VIII programs increase the number of students from all backgrounds who are enrolled in health professions schools; heightens awareness of the factors contributing to differential health outcomes; and attract health professionals more likely to serve in underserved areas.¹

¹ Stewart KA, Brown SL, Wrensford G, Hurley MM. Creating a comprehensive approach to exposing underrepresented pre-health professions students to clinical medicine and health research. J Natl Med Assoc. 2020;112(1):36-43. doi:10.1016/j.jnma.2019.12.003

Let's keep the American healthcare system strong. To do that, it is imperative for Congress to swiftly consider and advance legislative proposals, such as the Educating Medical Professionals and Optimizing Workforce Efficiency and Readiness (EMPOWER) for Health Act (H.R. 4262) and the Title VIII Nursing Workforce Reauthorization Act (H.R. 3593/S. 1874), which would reauthorize the Title VII and VIII programs from FY 2025 through FY 2030. Reauthorization of the HRSA Title VII and VIII programs would allow our nation to continue to support a high-quality, well-educated and representative health workforce, which ultimately improves patients' access to care and optimizes the health of America.

Congress must ensure the Title VII and Title VIII programs are able to continue to carry out critical work towards addressing health workforce shortages and preparing for the health care demands of the future. There is no substitute to the value that these programs bring to the healthcare workforce. To that end, our organizations strongly urge lawmakers to reaffirm the federal government's commitment to building the next generation of health care professionals, by providing swift consideration and advancement of the HRSA Title VII health professions and Title VIII nursing workforce development programs reauthorizations.

Sincerely,