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The Honorable Paul Tonko  
United States House of Representatives  
2463 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Ben Ray Luján  
United States House of Representatives  
2231 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C, 20515

Dear Representatives Tonko and Luján,

On behalf of the 46 undersigned organizations representing the Nursing Community Coalition (NCC), we would like to thank you for your efforts to successfully include Section 303, *Allowing for More Flexibility with Respect to Medication-Assisted Treatment for Opioid Use Disorders*, in the SUPPORT for Families and Communities Act (H.R. 6). Your tenacity for improved access to treatment is deeply appreciated by the NCC.

The members of the NCC are the cross section of education, practice, research, and regulation within the nursing profession and fully support the inclusion of Advance Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs) as critical providers working to curb the opioid epidemic. With over four million licensed Registered Nurses, APRNs, and nursing students, the profession shares your drive and passion to continually improve care for patients, families, and communities. The coalition is committed to improving the health of our nation and seeing Section 303 of H.R. 6 advance in the final opioids package.

Again, we commend your vision to introduce The Addiction Treatment Access Improvement Act, and your continued fight to see H.R. 6 adopt Section 303. We appreciate your continued support of America’s nurses. If the Nursing Community Coalition can be of any assistance to you please do not hesitate to contact the coalition’s Executive Director, Dr. Suzanne Miyamoto, at smiyamoto@aacnnursing.org or 202-463-6930.

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 Critical-Care Nurses
American Association of Heart Failure Nurses
American Association of Neuroscience Nurses
American Association of Nurse Anesthetists
American Association of Nurse Practitioners
American College of Nurse-Midwives
American Nephrology Nurses Association
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Association for Radiologic and Imaging Nursing
Association of Community Health Nursing Educators
Association of Nurses in AIDS Care
Association of periOperative Registered Nurses
Association of Public Health 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
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 Hispanic Nurses
National Association of Neonatal Nurse Practitioners
National Association of Neonatal Nurses
National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners
National Black Nurses Association
National Council of State Boards of Nursing
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
Society of Pediatric Nurses
Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nurses Society