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Dear Dr. Grady,

On behalf of the Nursing Community Coalition (NCC), we would like to thank you for your trailblazing leadership of the National Institute of Nursing Research for the past 23 years. Your commitment to elevating nursing research has inspired our coalition and member organizations. The advancements in science funded by NINR, under your direction, has led to an explosion in nursing practice advancements. We know that a robust nursing research community is essential in addressing health disparities, disease prevention, symptom management, quality of life, and end-of-life care. By following your lead, nursing has been able to surge to the forefront of research in these areas.

Over your tenure, you have always had a keen eye toward promoting the profession's science and investing in future nurse researchers. Your development of the Summer Genetics Institute added another powerful branch to nursing research. Your creativity and guidance allowed for such a vision to come to life. As future nurses attend the Institute we hope they are as inspired by such a revolutionary addition to the scope of nursing research as we are. Countless other efforts, including the NINR Director's Lectures series and the free online "Developing Nurse Scientists," have increased the accessibility of nursing research.

As you depart this summer, the coalition will carry on its work to promote NINR so that your efforts to diversify the nursing research portfolio, to expand nursing knowledge of genetics, and to encourage the natural curiosity of nurses continues. You have truly encapsulated the immense versatility contained by the title of Nurse. We are in awe of your successes and your dedication to the health of all populations. Thank you.

The coalition is indebted to your service. 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, ext. 247.

Sincerely,
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