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Dear Dr. Sigounas,

On behalf of the Nursing Community coalition, we would like to congratulate you on your appointment as Administrator for the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). We look forward to working with you and your staff as you lead an agency that is vital to ensuring healthcare services reach those who live in America's most rural and underserved areas.

The Nursing Community includes 63 members that are the cross section of education, practice, research, and regulation within the nursing profession. We believe that the healthcare delivery system should be one that promotes wellness, advances research through scientific discovery, and provides timely access to care across the continuum. With over four million licensed Registered Nurses (RNs), Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs), and nursing students, the profession embodies the drive and passion to continually improve care for patients, families, and communities.

For years, our coalition has worked with HRSA to ensure its pipeline programs support provider education and training with the goal of ultimately increasing access to affordable, high-quality care. HRSA, and other agencies within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, recognize the role RNs and APRNs play in meeting this goal and have promoted efforts nationally. We stand ready to help advance HRSA initiatives that aim to maximize the role of all providers in the healthcare team.

The unique partnership the Nursing Community coalition has created with our members allows our national organizations to unite on shared agendas and to promote America's health through nursing care. We welcome the opportunity to meet with you directly and share our collective priorities. In the meantime, if the Nursing Community can be of any assistance please do not hesitate to contact Dr. Suzanne Miyamoto at smiyamoto@aacn.nche.edu or at 202-463-6930, ext. 247.