

March 17, 2022

The Honorable Troy Carter
U.S. House of Representatives
506 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Carter:

We, the undersigned organizations representing nurses, physicians, hospitals and health systems, health care and public health professionals, and others who work in health care settings are writing to express our deep gratitude to you for your leadership in recently introducing H. Res. 909 – a resolution “expressing support for health care personnel and condemning assaults on health care personnel as the U.S. health care system faces unprecedented staffing shortages and increased workplace stressors.” We very much appreciate your recognition – and condemnation – of this growing problem. Our organizations endorse your resolution and are eager to work with you and your colleagues to ensure it passes the House of Representatives as quickly as possible.

For more than two years, our nation’s health care personnel have been on the front lines responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency; understandably, this response has taken a toll on these professionals’ physical and mental health. Intensifying the stress and strain front-line health care workers are experiencing is the growing incidence of violence against them. We thank you for raising up the need to “condemn this violence in the strongest possible terms” and for your resolution making clear that harassment, acts of violence, or assault of health care personnel “will not be tolerated.”

Our organizations stand ready to work with you and your staff to ensure the safety, health, and well-being of those who put themselves on the line to care for individuals and families across the nation. If we can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact Ilisa Paul (ihpaul@venable.com; 202-344-4342).

Sincerely,

Academy of Medical-Surgical Nurses	Ascension
AdventHealth	Association of American Medical Colleges
Adventist Health	Atrium Health
Advocate Aurora Health	ChristianaCare
American Association of Colleges of Nursing	Done
American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine	Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady Health System
American Association of Nurse Anesthesiology	LCMC Health
American Nephrology Nurses Association	Louisiana Hospital Association
American Physical Therapy Association	Mississippi Hospital Association
American Society of Hematology	National Athletic Trainers’ Association
American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene	Ochsner Health
American Urological Association	Oncology Nursing Society
AMGA	Sharp HealthCare
AMITA Health	The Society of Thoracic Surgeons