



## National Institute of Nursing Research and Nursing Workforce Development Program Funding

### Request

**ONS urges Members of Congress to support the National Institute of Nursing Research and the Title VIII Nursing Workforce Development Programs by passing a fiscal year (FY) 2018 spending bill by September 30.** ONS thanks Congress for its bipartisan commitment to medical research through its investments in the National Institutes of Health. We urge lawmakers to maintain funding for the development of nursing science as well as America's future nursing workforce as Congress works to complete the Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education appropriations for FY 2018.

### National Institute of Nursing Research

Research is a vital component of reducing and preventing suffering from cancer and advancing quality cancer care. The National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR) supports basic and clinical research that develops the knowledge to build the scientific foundation for clinical practice, prevent disease and disability, manage and eliminate symptoms caused by illness, and enhance end-of-life and palliative care.

Nursing science transforms how care is delivered at the bedside, in the community, and in the home. Nurse researchers are on the cutting edge in their discoveries by incorporating precision health, data science, and evolving technology. Many of the findings from nursing science can be translated directly to practice, changing lives and wellness. ONS members are engaged in many areas of research to improve oncology care and symptom management for their patients. **A strong commitment to funding for the National Institutes of Health and NINR makes possible research that improves the quality of life for persons with cancer.**

### Nursing Workforce Development Programs

For five decades, the Title VIII Nursing Workforce Development Programs have helped build the supply and distribution of qualified nurses needed in all health care settings. The Title VIII programs bolster nursing education at all levels, from entry-level preparation through graduate study, and provide support for institutions that educate nurses to practice in rural and medically underserved communities.

ONS is concerned with House appropriators' decision to consolidate certain Title VIII programs while cutting critical investments, and urges Senate appropriators to fund each of the Title VIII programs at FY 2017 levels. Consolidation would dilute the distinct mission of each program and jeopardize the lifelines that Title VIII provides communities across the country. **Title VIII Nursing Workforce Development Programs are a direct investment in the nursing workforce, patient well-being, and the sustainability of our nation's health care system. ONS urges you to maintain funding for Nursing Workforce Development Programs.**

For additional information, please contact Donna (Dede) Sweeney, ONS Director of Government Affairs at [dsweeney@ons.org](mailto:dsweeney@ons.org).