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The Honorable David Obey  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Labor, HHS, Education  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Tom Harkin  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Labor, HHS, Education  
Committee on Appropriations  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Obey and Chairman Harkin:

The Health Professions and Nursing Education Coalition (HPNEC) thanks you for your support of the Title VII and Title VIII health professions and nursing education programs and for making these important workforce programs a priority in your respective FY 2011 Labor-HHS-Education appropriations bills. HPNEC is an alliance of more than 60 national organizations representing schools, programs, health professionals, and students dedicated to ensuring the health workforce is educated and trained to meet the needs of our diverse population.

We appreciate that the spending measures approved by the House subcommittee and Senate full committee include a substantial increase for the health professions and nursing education programs. As you know, these programs are vital components of the nation's health care safety net, and only will become more important as the country's population continues to age, more Americans seek health care services as a result of the Affordable Care Act, and health care workforce shortages continue to increase. By supporting the education and training of health professionals across disciplines, the Title VII and Title VIII programs help shape the workforce to respond to the nation's most pressing health care challenges. Your leadership has been key to ensuring a strong, sustained investment in these valuable workforce programs as they improve the supply, distribution, and diversity of health care providers.

Once again, we sincerely thank you for your efforts and continued commitment to these critical programs and look forward to working with you throughout the remainder of the FY 2011 appropriations process.

Sincerely,



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American Academy of Nurse Practitioners  
American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry  
American Academy of Pediatrics  
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