

Dear Representative [NAME],

As a nursing constituent in your district and [Dean/Director/Chair, Faculty, Student, RN position] of [School of Nursing, University/College, Place of Employment], **I respectfully request that you cosponsor, H.R. 3185, a bill that will expand advanced practice nurse training programs and help ensure access to quality patient care.** This legislation would provide a dedicated funding stream through Medicare to support the clinical education of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs) by providing payment to hospitals for the costs of expanding APRN training programs. Funding for the clinical education of APRNs, including nurse practitioners, certified nurse-midwives, certified registered nurse anesthetists, and clinical nurse specialists is vitally important at a time when our country faces a shortage of healthcare professionals and a high demand for access to care.

APRNs can and will meet the demand for expanded health care which is expected under a newly reformed delivery system. APRNs are the nurses that can fill the primary care provider role and provide access to anesthesia in rural and medically underserved areas. The outcome of enacting H.R. 3185 will yield a more robust APRN workforce to meet the growing demand for health care among the Medicare population and those in rural and underserved areas.

This bill is supported by AARP, the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners, the American Association of Colleges of Nursing, the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists, the American College of Nurse Practitioners, the American College of Nurse-Midwives, the American Nurses Association, the National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners, and the National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties.

The support of APRN education and practice is critically important to the overall investment the federal government makes in primary, transitional, and preventive care, as well as enhancing access for rural and medically underserved populations, improving care coordination, chronic care management, and reducing costly medical errors. **Please co-sponsor, H.R. 3185 and support the APRNs who provide high quality, cost effective care to the most vulnerable populations in all areas across the country.** If you would like to support this legislation, please contact Representative Lois Capps office.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.