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Sample Letter to Senator

Office of Senator *[INSERT FULL NAME]*

United States Senate

Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator *[INSERT LAST NAME]*,

I write to you as a nurse and as a constituent to pass the Title VIII Nursing Workforce Reauthorization Act this Congress.

Title VIII programs help build the supply, recruitment, and retention of highly-educated nurses in our state and across the country. One of the programs under Title VIII, the NURSE Corps Loan Repayment Program, is especially critical, as these funds are awarded to the areas who need it most—those nonprofit, public, and government owned facilities located within a Health Profession Shortage Area scored 14 or higher (out of 25) and whose nurses have high debt-to-salary ratios. As it stands, HRSA is only able to award funding to approximately 25% of the completed applications under consideration each year.

It is my understanding that the Senate is considering broadening access to this important program to include for-profit hospitals, without consistent, compelling, or impactful data, that could adversely impact those who currently receive funding, and could derail the broader Title VIII Reauthorization efforts.

Without a current authorization these Title VIII programs are in jeopardy, as is the continued education of our nation's nurses who rely upon them. I urge you to pass Title VIII Reauthorization without this new provision presented at the 11th hour.

Sincerely,

[INSERT YOUR NAME]

[INSERT YOUR MAILING ADDRESS – OPTIONAL]

[INSERT YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS – OPTIONAL]