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October 31, 2019

The Honorable Lamar Alexander  
Chair  
Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions  
455 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Patty Murray  
Ranking Member  
Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions  
154 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Alexander and Ranking Member Murray:

On behalf of the Federation of American Hospitals (FAH), I am pleased to offer our strong support for S.1399, Title VIII Nursing Workforce Reauthorization Act of 2019. As you are aware, the legislation includes the text of S.1045, the Nursing Where It's Needed Act, sponsored by Senators Young and Jones, which ensures that all nurses practicing in critical shortage facilities have the opportunity to benefit from the Section 846 loan repayment program authorized in the legislation.

The FAH is the national representative of more than 1,000 investor-owned or managed community hospitals and health systems throughout the United States. Our members include hospitals in urban and rural America, as well as inpatient rehabilitation, psychiatric, long-term acute care, and cancer hospitals.

Title VIII Nursing Workforce Reauthorization Act of 2019 will extend critical nursing workforce development programs that invest in the education and training of our nation's nurses. This legislation will play a vital role in ensuring that nurses continue to provide high-quality care to patients across the nation, including in rural and underserved communities, by supporting

nursing education, practice, recruitment, and retention. The legislation will also ensure that all nurses in critical shortage facilities are eligible for the loan repayment program. We thank you for your leadership in advancing this legislation. We look forward to working with you to secure the legislation's passage through the Senate.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, likely belonging to a man, written in black ink. The signature is fluid and somewhat stylized, with a prominent initial 'A' and a long, sweeping underline.

cc: The Honorable Jeff Merkley  
The Honorable Richard Burr  
The Honorable Todd Young  
The Honorable Doug Jones