

ACTION ALERT

Senators Barbara Mikulski (D-MD) and Olympia Snowe (R-ME) are circulating a "Dear Colleague" letter seeking support from their fellow Senators to fund Title VIII - Nursing Workforce Development Programs at a level of \$215 million for FY 2010. They need to get as many of their Senate colleagues as possible to sign this letter by **Monday, May 11, 2009**.

The continuing shortage of RNs poses real challenges to our current health care system and in the longer term, to potential health care reform plans. Fortunately, the Title VIII programs are structured to address the educational, retention, and recruitment needs of the nursing workforce, but the programs cannot meet this need without additional funding.

ACTION REQUIRED:

Contact your Senators and urge them to sign onto the Mikulski-Snowe "Dear Colleague" letter to support funding for Title VIII - Nursing Workforce Development Programs at a level of \$215 Million for FY 2010. **PERSONALIZE YOUR MESSAGE BY TELLING YOUR SENATORS WHAT THIS FUNDING MEANS TO YOU, YOUR PATIENTS, AND THE INSTITUTION IN WHICH YOU WORK.**

Please let them know that they should contact Mona Shah in Senator Mikulski's (mona_shah@help.senate.gov) or Amy Pellegrino in Senator Snowe's office (amy_pellegrino@snowe.senate.gov) by the **deadline of May 11, 2009** to sign onto the "Dear Colleague" letter.

Both the NLN and ENA have generic template letters that NANN members can access and send directly from these sites to their Senators.

The ENA access point is:

<http://capwiz.com/ena/issues/alert/?alertid=13291886&PROCESS=Take+Action>

The NLN access point is:

<http://capwiz.com/nln/issues/alert/?alertid=13291946&PROCESS=Take+Action>