

**SAMPLE LETTER**  
**APPROPRIATIONS FOR NURSE PRACTITIONER EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS**

The Honorable \_\_\_\_\_  
Address

Dear Representative/Senator \_\_\_\_\_

I am writing to ask for your support to increase funding for advanced practice nurse practitioner educational programs in the Title VIII Appropriations for the coming fiscal year. As you know, the need for quality cost effective primary care providers continues to exist in our district and state. Nurse practitioners can fill that need.

Nurse practitioners have been recognized for the high quality, cost effective primary care they provide. The need to assist educational programs and to provide traineeships to nurses who might not otherwise have an opportunity to attend graduate school to become nurse practitioners continues to exist. Because institutions preparing nurse practitioners do not have access to graduate medical education (GME) funds, these appropriations are the only federal source of funding for preparation of nurse practitioners.

I know that you know of the importance of nurse practitioners to the provision of high quality primary care in our district and state. I would appreciate your assistance in seeing that appropriations for nurse practitioner educational programs and traineeships be increased for the Title VIII Advance Practice Nursing line for the coming fiscal year.

Sincerely,

\*You may wish to add your personal experiences to this letter.

Addresses: Senators: The Honorable \_\_\_\_\_,  
United States Senate, Washington, DC 20510

Representatives: The Honorable \_\_\_\_\_,  
United States House of Representatives, Washington, DC 20515

**Please cc copies of your correspondence to Dr. Jan Towers, Office of Health Policy,  
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