



August 15, 2024

The Honorable Patty Murray
Chair
Senate Committee on Appropriations
Room S-128, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Susan Collins
Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Appropriations
Room S-128, The Capitol
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The Honorable Tammy Baldwin
Chair
Senate Appropriations Committee
Subcommittee on Labor, HHS,
Education, & Related Agencies
S-128, The Capitol
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The Honorable Shelley Moore Capito
Ranking Member
Senate Appropriations Committee
Subcommittee on Labor, HHS,
Education, & Related Agencies
S-128, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senators Murray, Collins, Baldwin, and Capito:

On behalf of the Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association (HPNA) and our nearly 8,000 members across the country, we write to thank you for your leadership on committee passage of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education and Related Agencies appropriations bill. Specifically, we thank you for supporting palliative care research at the National Institutes of Health and essential healthcare workforce training programs.

HPNA is a national nonprofit organization of nursing professionals serving their communities in the specialty of hospice and palliative nursing across the lifespan. Established in 1986, HPNA is the only nursing organization of its kind. Our mission is to advance nursing expertise in hospice and palliative care through education, advocacy, leadership, and research, and our vision is for every person living with serious illness to receive equitable, comprehensive, and innovative hospice and palliative nursing care.

HPNA's members are committed to providing the highest level of treatment and dignity to their patients and families, including at the end of life. We strongly support policy that strengthens oversight while also ensuring nurses can practice to the full extent of their training to improve patient care and alleviate strain on the healthcare workforce.



As you continue your work on FY 2025 appropriations, please do not hesitate to reach out to us if we can be helpful in ensuring that this vital funding is included in a final appropriations package.

Again, thank you for your commitment to improving the quality of hospice and palliative care and for understanding the important role it plays in the lives of patients and their families, as well as the unique challenges the healthcare workforce faces in providing end-of-life care. Please reach out to Sarah Potter, Manager of Advocacy and Health Policy, at sarahp@hpna.org if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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2024 HPNA President

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