



February 3, 2021

The Honorable Phil Rosenfelt
Acting Secretary of Education
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20202

Dear Acting Secretary Phil Rosenfelt,

On behalf of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN), we congratulate you on your position as Acting Secretary of the U.S. Department of Secretary of Education.

AACN works to promote excellence and innovation in nursing education, research, and practice. We represent over 840 schools of nursing that educate 560,000 baccalaureate, graduate, and postgraduate students and employ over 50,000 faculty members. AACN would like to assist the department to maximize the nexus of higher education and our future nursing workforce. We feel this is crucial as our schools are deeply involved in their communities where they are helping to lead efforts to address the COVID-19 pandemic.

With this frame of reference, we hope to be a resource to you and your department as you move toward implementation of Executive Order 13996: *Establishing the COVID-19 Pandemic Testing Board and Ensuring a Sustainable Public Health Workforce for COVID-19 and Other Biological Threats*. Nurses and nursing students are a critical part of our COVID-19 testing and our public health workforce, and as the national voice for academic nursing, we believe that collaboration between education and practice is vital to the implementation of these programs.

Please consider AACN as a partner in this work, please feel free to reach out to us if we can be of assistance. Please contact Dr. Colleen Leners, Director of Policy at CLeners@aacnnursing.org or Rachel Stevenson, Director of Government Affairs at Rstevenson@aacnnursing.org.

Sincerely,

Deborah E. Trautman, PhD, RN, FAAN
President and Chief Executive Officer

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The Honorable Alejandro Mayorkas
Secretary of Homeland Security
The U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Washington, DC 20528

Dear Secretary Mayorkas,

On behalf of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN), we congratulate you on your position as Secretary of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

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The Honorable Robert J. Fenton, Jr.
Senior Official Performing the Duties of FEMA Administrator
Federal Emergency Management Agency
P.O. Box 10055
Hyattsville, MD 20782-8055

Dear Senior Official Fenton,

On behalf of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN), we congratulate you on your position as Senior Official Performing the Duties of FEMA Administrator.

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The Honorable Norris Cochran
Acting Secretary of Health & Human Services
The U.S. Department of Health & Human Services
Hubert H. Humphrey Building
200 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20201

Dear Acting Secretary Cochran,

On behalf of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN), we congratulate you on your position as Acting Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services.

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Please consider AACN as a partner and a resource as you continue to develop the national response plan. Please feel free to reach out to us if we can be of assistance, please contact Dr. Colleen Leners, Director of Policy at CLeners@aacnnursing.org or Rachel Stevenson, Director of Government Affairs at Rstevenson@aacnnursing.org.

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The Honorable Al Stewart
Acting Secretary of Labor
The U.S. Department of Labor
200 Constitution Ave NW
C-2318
Washington, D.C. 20210

Dear Acting Secretary Stewart,

On behalf of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN), we congratulate you on your position as Acting Secretary of the U.S. Department of Labor.

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