



May XX, 2014

The Honorable Kathleen Sebelius
Secretary
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
200 Independence Ave SW
Washington, DC 20201

Dear Secretary Sebelius,

On behalf of the undersigned organizations representing the Nursing Community coalition, we would like to sincerely thank you for your service as Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). Collectively, the Nursing Community represents nearly one million Registered Nurses, Advanced Practice Registered Nurses, nurse executives, and nursing students, faculty, and researchers. Our organizations collaborate to advance sound policy decisions that promote improvements to our nation's health. We commend your leadership and dedication to improving the quality of, and access to, health care for individuals across the country as our nation continues to realize efforts that support this mission.

During your tenure at HHS, you have been responsible for the implementation of innovative, patient-centered models of care through the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act that aim to improve patient outcomes and quality of life. These care delivery models rely on the nursing profession to both lead and collaborate in interdisciplinary settings to provide the full array of health services. We respect and appreciate your work to support our profession to help meet the growing demand for these services.

Again, we thank you for your service as HHS Secretary and wish you the best in your future endeavors. If our organizations can be of any assistance, please contact the Convener of the Nursing Community, Dr. Suzanne Miyamoto, at Smiyamoto@aacn.nche.edu or 202-463-6930, ext. 247.

Sincerely,