



October 8, 2013

The Honorable Jerry Moran  
U.S. Senate  
361A Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Moran:

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Sincerely,

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National Organization for Associate Degree Nursing  
National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties  
Nurses Organization of Veterans Affairs  
Oncology Nursing Society  
Preventive Cardiovascular Nurses Association  
Public Health Nursing Section, American Public Health Association  
The Quad Council of Public Health Nursing Organizations



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Constitution Ave. and 2nd St. NE  
Washington, DC 20510

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