



March 19, 2018

The Honorable Katherine Clark  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1415 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Hal Rogers  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2406 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representatives Clark and Rogers,

Representing the interests of our nation's more than 3.6 million registered nurses, the American Nurses Association (ANA) writes to express its strong support for the Substance Use Disorder Workforce Loan Repayment Act of 2018.

Registered nurses are practicing on the front lines of the opioid crisis and know firsthand the importance of ensuring access to vital substance use disorder treatment. Our nation's ability to make progress against this crisis depends heavily on having a strong, highly trained health workforce.

The Substance Use Disorder Workforce Loan Repayment Act of 2018, which seeks to incentivize students to pursue substance use disorder treatment professions by providing student loan relief, is critical to ensuring we are building a highly trained workforce that can meet these challenging times.

Nurses work in virtually every health care setting, providing expert, compassionate care for people throughout all stages of life, condition, disability, or disorder. As the organization representing the nation's largest, most trusted group of health care professionals, ANA thanks you for your leadership on this critical matter.

Please let us know how we might be a resource as you seek to advance this bill in the 115<sup>th</sup> Congress.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michelle M. Artz".

Michelle M. Artz  
Director, Department of Government Affairs