

August 21, 2020

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Speaker of the House  
United States House of Representatives  
H-222, US Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Senate Majority Leader  
United States Senate  
S-230, US Capitol  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy  
Minority Leader  
H-204, US Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Charles E. Schumer  
Senate Minority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Speaker Pelosi, Leader McConnell, Leader McCarthy, and Leader Schumer,

The American Organization for Nursing Leadership (AONL) urges you to provide at least \$6 million in FY2021 in funding for the TriService Nursing Research Program (TSNRP), within the National Defense Authorization Act (H.R. 6935). This critical and effective program promotes the health and wellness of our nation's military.

AONL is the national professional organization of the 10,000 nurse leaders who manage and provide patient care across the health care continuum. AONL is a subsidiary of the American Hospital Association. As the voice for nursing leadership, AONL proudly recognizes among our members are active duty and former members of all the uniformed services.

Established by Senator Daniel K. Inouye in 1992, the TSNRP is our country's first and only program that supports military nursing leaders conducting military specific nursing research. It is also one of a very few military-focused research programs that promotes and funds the translation of nursing-based evidence into practice at the bedside. Throughout the last two decades, this program has supported nursing innovations that have saved lives and improved the nursing care for the men and women in uniform as well as patients across the health care continuum. AONL is concerned funding for this critical program has been halted.

AONL is thankful for past Congressional support for TSNRP. We request permanently funding for the program in the Department of Defense budget through a specific line item request.

Thank you for your continued support of the nursing profession, especially military nursing. If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact AONL's Vice President for Federal Relations and Policy Jo Ann Webb at [jwebb@aha.org](mailto:jwebb@aha.org)

Sincerely,



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