Below is a summary of the Nursing Community coalition's activity for the month of March.

**Title VIII Reauthorization Update**
To date, the Title VIII Nursing Workforce Reauthorization Act of 2015 ([H.R. 2713](https://www.congress.gov/bill/114th-congress/house-bill/2713)) has fifty-eight bipartisan co-sponsors. The newest members to co-sponsor the legislation were Representative Betty McCollum (D-MN) and Representative Alcee Hastings (D-FL).

**Letters**
On March 3, the NC sent [letters](#) to both the House and Senate Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, Appropriation Subcommittees, respectfully requesting $244 million for the Title VIII Nursing Workforce Development programs and $157 million for the National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR) in Fiscal Year (FY) 2017.

On March 8, the NC sent a [letter](#) to Senator Jeff Merkley (D-OR) in support of the Veterans Health Care Staffing Improvement Act ([S. 2279](https://www.congress.gov/bill/114th-congress/senate-bill/2279)). This legislation would recognize all four advance practice registered nurses as full practice providers within the Veterans Health Administration.

**Events**
On March 15, the Nursing Community hosted a briefing in collaboration with the Senate Nursing Caucus Co-Chairs, Senators Jeff Merkley (D-OR) and Roger Wicker (R-MS), in Washington, DC. The briefing titled, *The Nursing Profession: What You Need to Know and Why It Matters* welcomed over fifty guests. The complete event summary and link to photos can be found on the [event page](#) of the Nursing Community website.

Thank you to the Nursing Community Events Committee for their work surrounding this event.

- Lauren Inouye (AACN-colleges)
- MaryAnne Sapio (AANP)
- Alec Stone (ONS)
- Elliot Vice (NCSBN)
- JoAnn Webb (AONE)

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Total Followers: 231
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Tweet Impressions: 3,635
Top Tweet: Thank you Senate Nursing Caucus Co-chairs [@SenJeffMerkley](https://twitter.com/SenJeffMerkley) & [@SenatorWicker](https://twitter.com/SenatorWicker) for support of today's briefing [pic.twitter.com/6LQSNE7684](https://twitter.com/6LQSNE7684)

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