

# Tri-Council for Nursing

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Vice-President-elect Mike Pence  
Chair  
The Presidential Transition Team  
1717 Pennsylvania, NW  
Washington, DC 20006

Dear Vice President-elect Pence:

On behalf of the Tri-Council for Nursing, an interorganizational collaboration of the four major nursing organizations: American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN), the American Nurses Association (ANA), the American Organization of Nurse Executives (AONE), and the National League for Nursing (NLN), we look forward to working with the new Administration as it faces the nation's healthcare challenges.

As the nation's largest and most respected healthcare profession, nursing brings a steadfast commitment to patient care, and the unique ability to partner with the other health professions to ensure quality, safety and access to care for all of our nation's patients no matter where that care may be delivered. Because of its unique proximity to patients and its deep roots in the art and science of care processes, nursing can help to address many of the seemingly intractable problems of cost and access to quality health care for America.

Nursing's strength lies in its historic commitment to patient care, and its ability to collaborate with all facets of the health care system. Today's nurses are found everywhere and in a variety of roles from the traditional, at the bedside to leaders in industry and government. Nurses share a commonality of purpose to problem solve and collaborate to help move America forward to be not only great, but also healthy.

The Tricouncil stands ready to assist the new Administration as it looks to improve and redesign our healthcare system. We believe that through a shared agenda of educational support for the nursing profession, removal of barriers to nursing practice and the ability of nurses to better advance health through greater collaboration across the health care continuum, we can contribute to your goal of advancing health for America.

We welcome the opportunity to engage with your team. If you should need further information please contact Jo Ann Webb, RN, MHA, FAAN, vice president for federal relations and policy at 202-626-2321 or [jwebb@aha.org](mailto:jwebb@aha.org)

Respectfully yours,

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