

In case you missed our **NFA Survey** - you can still answer it now.

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March is Women's History Month

NFA Celebrates <u>Representative Lauren Underwood RN of Illinois CD-14</u>. Read the <u>Washington Post</u> <u>article</u> on how Rep. Underwood balances her personal and professional life. Help keep our nurse in Congress in 2024!



Members in the News

Erin Hartnett, NFA Founder, was invited to a Meet and Greet for Congressional Representative Dr. Yadira Caraveo (CO-8) which was held in NYC by Downtown Nasty Women, Markers for Democracy, and the Next 50. Nurses for America supported Dr. Caraveo in the midterms and she attended our August 25 NFA meeting. She is a pediatrician and a freshman member of the Congressional Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Task Force. Help keep our pediatrician in Congress in 2024!



Pat Ford -Roegner, NFA Core Member published an article in the Ohio State University's College of Nursing News *How Divided Government will Impact Federal Health Policy*



INFORMATION YOU NEED TO KNOW

What's in President Biden's Budget?



On March 9th, President Biden released his proposed budget, detailing a blueprint to invest in America, lower costs for families, protect and strengthen Medicare and Social Security. His plan will reduce the deficit by making those who make over \$400,000 and corporations pay their fair share, cracking down on fraud, and cutting wasteful spending on Big Pharma, Big Oil, and other special interests.

Millions of Americans want to know that they can count on Medicare to be there for them when they turn 65. The President's Budget extends the life of the Medicare Trust Fund by at least 25 years. It achieves these gains with no benefit cuts. See President Biden's Budget plan here.

Biden Budget Plan

Celebrate 2 Year Anniversary of the American Rescue Plan

The landmark American Rescue Plan has led the fastest recovery of any major economy in the world while implementing President Biden's vision of growing the economy from the bottom up and middle out. Since taking office:

More than 300,000 jobs were created just last month. A record 12.4 million jobs were created since President Biden took office. 3.6% unemployment rate - below 4% for more than a year. Invested in

American manufacturing and innovation. Protected and strengthened Medicare and Social Security. Cut the deficit by \$3 trillion by making the wealthy and corporations pay their fair share and cutting wasteful spending on special interests. Lowered costs for families - lower costs for insulin, prescription drugs, health insurance, and energy bills. Created good-paying middle-class jobs that didn't require a four-year degree.

15 Highlights of American Rescue Plan

President Biden's Budget includes increased funding for Public Broadcasting

<u>Protect My Public Media</u> Public Broadcasting is more than Sesame Street - It's a matter of Education, Public Safety, and Civic Engagement



On March 1, the Association of Public Broadcasting presented the Champion of Public Broadcasting Award to both Rep. Mark Amodei (R-Nev.) and Senator Chuck Schumer (D-NY). Erin Hartnett, NFA founder, and Advocacy Committee Chair of the WNET Friends of Public Television Advocacy Board was in attendance.



Support for Public Television is the perfect way for our bipartisan Congress to join forces. In addition to the wonderful free programming, PBS learning media provides each State standard digital learning programs for teachers to use in K-12 classrooms and pediatric hospitals. It operates the largest GED program in the country, and has hundreds of on-line workforce development programs. During the pandemic when schools were closed, PBS was able to provide educational programming to those in rural areas and internet desserts.

Public television is also an essential part of the nation's safety alert communications and warning system, including homeland security, and citizen text alerts. It also provides a secure system for first responders' communications.

Commercial-free PBS regards its' viewers as citizens, not consumers, and provides a variety of platforms for bipartisan local community programming for events such as high school football games, and debates between local candidates. Public broadcasting costs each taxpayer \$1.40/year. We need to be sure that Public Broadcasting continues to be funded in Congress. The Congressional appropriation letters are circulating soon (March 24th Labor-H subcommittee and March 29th Homeland subcommittee) and we need your Congress person to sign. Click here to send a message to your Congress person to Protect My Public Media

NFA Action Items

Choose 2 items to do each week

- 1. Complete NFA Survey HERE
- Senators Sanders and Cassidy are seeking information from health care providers on the workforce shortage. NURSES NEED TO SPEAK UP Please submit your written response to HealthWorkforceComments@help.senate.gov by March 20, 2023.
- 3. APPLY FOR Lauren Underwood's internship. <u>Paid summer internship applications</u> are now open! Apply now before the **March 19** deadline.
- 4. Join our new Twitter alternative Spoutible AND FOLLOW US @NursesforAmerica
- 5. Visit whitehouse.gov to keep up to date on all Biden/Harris policies
- 6. Notify your Congressional Representative to Protect My Public Media
- 7. READ How Divided Government will Impact Federal Health Policy
- 8. Boycott Walgreens
- 9. Watch TV

VP Harris on Stephen Colbert - Wednesday March 15.

Jen Psaki 's weekly show on MSNBC - starting Sunday March 18 @12 noon

Documentary on Dr. Fauci on PBS America Masters Tuesday - March 21 @8PM ET

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