

July 2, 2008

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Dear Ms. Mills,

The Tri Council for Nursing appreciated the opportunity to talk with you during our conference call on July 2. The Tri-Council for Nursing brings together the four professional organizations of the 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) whose collaborative leadership encompasses the breadth of nursing practice, including nurse executives, nurse educators, nurse researchers, and nurses providing direct patient care.

As we discussed during the call, the Tri Council has reviewed your most recent proposal and remains in opposition to the creation of an Office of the National Nurse, whether independent or through re-titling the position of the Chief Nursing Officer of the United States Public Health Service. It is our view that the establishment of an Office of the National Nurse would be an ineffective means of accomplishing your stated goals. Until we can be assured of adequate federal funding to address the critical professional issues of nursing faculty and the adequate supply of professional nurses, the creation of the Office of the National Nurse would only serve to divert scarce resources from our most important goal of providing quality care to all patients.

Sincerely,

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