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The Honorable Elizabeth Warren
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Susan Collins
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Angus King
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Steve Daines
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senators Warren, Collins, King, and Daines:

As the oldest nursing organization in the United States, the National League for Nursing (NLN) would like to thank you for introducing the *U.S. Cadet Nurse Corps Service Recognition Act* (S. 997). The NLN promotes excellence in nursing education to build a strong and diverse nursing workforce to advance the health of the nation and the global community. The League represents more than 1,200 nursing schools, 40,000 members, and 25 regional constituent leagues.

In the midst of World War II, a severe shortage of trained nurses threatened the nation’s ability to meet domestic and military health care needs. Women from across the country joined the U.S. Cadet Nurse Corps during World War II to provide care to Americans in need. The NLN wholeheartedly supports your efforts to ensure the contributions of former Cadet Nurse Corps members are fully recognized with honorable discharges, ribbon and medal privileges, and certain burial privileges.

Again, thank you for your introduction of the *U.S. Cadet Nurse Corps Service Recognition Act*. If the NLN can be of any assistance or should you have any questions, please contact Christine Murphy, the NLN’s director of public policy and advocacy, at cmurphy@nln.org or 202-909-2533.

Sincerely,

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