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August 4, 1989

Linda S. Goropeuschek
President
Nurses Association of the Counties of Long Island, Inc.
NYSNA District 14
One Hanson Place, Room 1707
Brooklyn, NY 11243

Dear Ms. Goropeuschek:

We are pleased to inform you that Verita M. Brown has been selected to be the recipient of the 1989 NYSNA Economic and General Welfare Award.

Enclosed is a copy of our August 1, 1989 letter to Ms. Brown.

Sincerely yours,

Juanita K. Hunter, EdD, RN
President

JHK/WB/ker

Enclosure

August 4, 1989

Elaine E. Beietz, EdD, RN, FAAN
1000 Conestoga Road, D-328
Rosemont, PA 19010

Dear Dr. Beietz:

We are pleased to inform you that Rita R. Wieczorek has been selected to be the recipient of the 1989 NYSNA Nursing Education Award.

Enclosed is a copy of our August 1, 1989 letter to Dr. Wieczorek.

Sincerely yours,

Juanita K. Hunter, EdD, RN
President

JHK/WB/ker

Enclosure
Maggie Jacobs, MS, RN  
Chairperson, Council of Nursing Practitioners  
Kings County Hospital Center  
451 Clarkson Ave., T Bldg., Room 115  
Brooklyn, NY 11203  

Dear Ms. Jacobs:  

We are pleased to inform you that Verlia M. Brown has been selected to be the recipient of the 1989 NYSNA Economic and General Welfare Award. Enclosed is a copy of our August 1, 1989 letter to Ms. Brown.

Sincerely yours,

Juanita K. Hunter, EdD, RN  
President

Enclosure

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August 4, 1989

Christina Gerardi  
President  
Capital District Nurses Association  
NYSNA District 9  
1944 Union Street  
Schenectady, NY 12309  

Dear Ms. Gerardi:

We are pleased to inform you that Ann M. Gothler has been selected to be the recipient of the 1989 NYSNA Membership Award. Enclosed is a copy of our August 1, 1989 letter to Dr. Gothler.

Sincerely yours,

Juanita K. Hunter, EdD, RN  
President

Enclosure
An Investment in Health Care

NYSNA CONVENTION '89
OCTOBER 27-30 • ALBANY CONVENTION CENTER
ALBANY, NEW YORK

August 4, 1989

Susan Fraley, MS, RN
Chairperson, Council on Legislation
New York State Nurses Association
2113 Western Avenue
Guilderland, NY 12084

Dear Ms. Fraley:

We are pleased to inform you that Wanda S. Hackney has been selected to be the recipient of the 1989 NYSNA Legislative Award.

Enclosed is a copy of our August 1, 1989 letter to Ms. Hackney.

Sincerely yours,

Juanita K. Hunter, EdD, RN
President

Enclosure

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Eleanor C. Lambertsen, EdD, RN, FAAN
500 East 77th Street, #1004
New York, NY 10021

Dear Dr. Lambertsen:

We are pleased to inform you that Rita R. Wieczorek has been selected to be the recipient of the 1989 NYSNA Nursing Education Award.

Enclosed is a copy of our August 1, 1989 letter to Dr. Wieczorek.

Sincerely yours,

Juanita K. Hunter, EdD, RN
President

Enclosure
Marietta P. Stanton, PhD, RN
Director, Continuing Nurse Education
University at Buffalo
3214 Main Street
Buffalo, NY 14214

August 4, 1989

Dear Dr. Stanton:

We are pleased to inform you that Barbara N. Knauer has been selected to be the recipient of the 1989 NYSNA Nursing Service Administration Award.

Enclosed is a copy of our August 1, 1989 letter to Ms. Knauer.

Sincerely yours,

Juanita K. Hunter, EdD, RN
President

Enclosure

Corin Ann Mitchell, EdD, RN
101 2nd Street
Garden City, NY 11530

August 4, 1989

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

We are pleased to inform you that Elizabeth A. Ayello has been selected to be the recipient of the 1989 NYSNA Nursing Practice Award.

Enclosed is a copy of our August 1, 1989 letter to Ms. Ayello.

Sincerely yours,

Juanita K. Hunter, EdD, RN
President

Enclosure
June 22, 1989

Rita Reis Wieczorek, Ed.D., R.N., FAAN
Dean and Professor
College of Nursing
State University of New York,
Health Sciences Center at Brooklyn
450 Clarkson Ave., Box 22
Brooklyn, New York 11203-2096

Dear Dr. Wieczorek:

I wholeheartedly support your grant proposal to expand the existing Enrichment Program for Minority and Disadvantaged Students in the College of Nursing at the State University of New York, Health Science Center at Brooklyn.

There is far too little emphasis to date from all segments of our society on recognition of the demographic shifts in our population and the implications of this shift for education and the health care system of the twenty first century. While all our studies and projections document this evolution, health professionals are slow to assume responsibility for the necessary accommodations, inherent in this shift.

Your work to date is consistent with this need and addresses the challenges inherent in providing comprehensive support services to ensure successful participation of disadvantaged students in an academic setting. These students will increasingly comprise the health care disciplines in the 21st century. Your proposal is exciting and creative and I wish you success in securing this funding.

Sincerely,

Juanita K. Hunter, R.N., Ed.D.
President
New York State Nurses Association

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July 31, 1989

Ruth L. Rabiner, RN, CS, MA
145 Country Ridge Drive
Rye Brook, NY 10591

Dear Ms. Rabiner:

Thank you for your letter which addressed your concern about mandatory reimbursement for nurse specialists. As you may be aware, NYSNA has a mandate from our 1988 voting body to work toward obtaining mandatory third party reimbursement for all registered professional nurses. Aggressive and consistent efforts by NYSNA have been exerted throughout the year to achieve this goal.

Specifically, sponsorship of the bill has been secured in the Assembly and discussion has occurred with Senate staff. Also, research of insurance law was conducted to determine all sections which would require amendment in order to mandate third party reimbursement for all nurses.

Additionally, the Council on Legislation unanimously recommended that NYSNA's third party reimbursement legislative proposal be amended. The Council recommended that each section of the law which defines reimbursement for psychiatric or psychological services and coverage for the diagnosis and treatment of mental, nervous or emotional disorders or ailments be amended to include psychiatric nurses.

Further, the Council recommended that efforts be initiated to determine the feasibility of reimbursement for clinical specialists who provide consultation for hospitalized patients. Those research efforts have included:

- Initiating research about other states.
- Collecting data.
- Evaluating the current political environment.
- Initiating discussions with state agencies.
- Beginning education of legislators, nurses and consumers.

While we are pursuing this mandatory third party reimbursement, we are conscious of the reality that the legislation pertains to private insurance carriers and Blue Cross. The insurance law does not influence Medicaid and Medicare reimbursement, and coverage for psychiatric or psychological services is not mandated.
We invite you and all nurses to become involved in efforts to secure third party reimbursement for nurses. Time and time again it has been proven that when nurses work collaboratively on an issue, things happen. Let's make this a reality. I thank you for writing and sharing your concerns.

Sincerely yours,

Juanita K. Hunter, EdD, RN
President

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Ms. Lyons

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Juanita K. Hunter, Ed.D., R.N., President
THE NEW YORK STATE NURSES ASSOCIATION
127 Shirley Avenue
Buffalo, NY 14215

May 25, 1989

Lilly Shortridge, R.N., Ed.D.,
Professor and Assistant Dean
Pace University
Lienhard Road
Pleasantville, N.Y. 10570

Dear Lilly,

Just a brief note to share my disappointment that I will not be able to participate in the June event. I do not know how the error in communication occurred about the program date as I very much wanted to participate in the program.

Since I cannot be there, I extend my best wishes for a successful program.

Sincerely,

Juanita K. Hunter, Ed.D., R.N.
President

JHHmb
May 25, 1989

Iris Brice
112-07 178 Street
Jamaica, New York 11433

Dear Iris,

As I was responding to the invitation to attend the 50 year celebration of the Harlem Hospital School of Nursing I noted that you were a member of the Class of 1939. Congratulations on achieving this milestone in your professional life.

I was unable to attend the celebration as I gave the commencement address to the School of Nursing at SUNY Buffalo that morning. This prevented me from being able to come to New York for the celebration.

I would have enjoyed celebrating the occasion with you. Absent this opportunity, I would like to write a personal letter of congratulations to members of your class. Could you provide me with a list of their names and addresses.

I would very much appreciate your assistance. Congratulations again and I trust that all is well.

Sincerely,

Juanita K. Hunter, R.N., Ed.D.
President


March 28, 1989

Stasia Arcaroese
32 North Prospect
Plattsburgh, NY 12901

Dear Stasia:

I read your letter of withdrawal from NYSNA with sadness, as you have played an integral role in NYSNA during the past several years including as district president. I regret that I did not have the opportunity to talk with you before you finalized your decision.

I too believe that we need a strong nurses association and I agree that all decisions of NYSNA have not received unanimous approval by the total nursing community or even among our membership. However, controversy need not be destructive as it provides the impetus for negotiation, compromise and eventually resolution of the issue.

Members of NYSNA set the course for the future of the association and your input is now lost. I too pay dual dues; however, the collective bargaining agent to which I must belong does not address the multi-faceted professional nurse issues with which NYSNA is concerned. Contrary to your statement, other professional organizations have higher membership fees.

I do believe NYSNA is committed through its articles of incorporation to promote cordial relations among nurses in New York State. That has been one of the specific objectives I chose to work on during my presidency.

I am thankful that you will continue to work within your district and I trust that in the near future you will consider resuming membership in NYSNA. Thank you for sharing your concerns, and please call me if you wish to talk further. My office number is (716) 831-3842 or 3333.

Sincerely,

Juanita K. Hunter, Ed.D., R.N.
President
March 20, 1989

The Honorable Arthur Eve
New York State Assembly
Room 735
Legislative Office Building
Albany, NY 12248

Dear Assemblyman Eve:

It was a pleasure to meet you on March 13, 1989 to discuss the concerns of The New York State Nurses Association. As we indicated, our major issue this year is the nursing shortage. The real challenge will be to design the long range strategies which are needed to resolve some of the underlying problems causing the shortage. I know that you want to resolve the nursing shortage as well.

Funding human services is a prime concern of nurses in New York. It is important to establish a state budget which addresses the health and social needs of all residents of the Empire State. The Board of Directors of The New York State Nurses Association will meet at the end of March. Part of their deliberation will include a position statement on the state budget. A copy of the Board’s position statement will be sent to you as soon as it is available.

My associate, Bernard McGann, and I look forward to working with you. Please call if we can be of any assistance.

Sincerely,

Juanita K. Hunter, RN
President

抄送: Dr. Juanita Hunter, RN, PhD
February 9, 1989

Virginia Trotter Betts, MSS, J.D., R.N., Chair
Executive Search
American Nurse Association
3220 Perishing Road
Kansas City, Missouri 64106

Dear Ms. Betts:

I wish to submit the name of Vernice Ferguson, R.N., M.A., FAAN, to be considered for the Executive Directors position of ANA. Ms. Ferguson has the national prominence, commitment to professional nursing, and the charisma which would be an extraordinary asset to the organization. Although Ms. Ferguson does not have a doctorate her qualifications clearly outweigh this criteria.

Thank you for your consideration of this recommendation.

Sincerely,

Juanita K. Hunter, R.N., Ed.D.
Clinical Assistant Professor

February 7, 1989

Betty Zavon, R.N.
4497 Lower River Road
Lewiston, NY 14092

Dear Betty,

Last fall we met to discuss your concern about the lack of attention being given to occupational health nursing in ANA and NYSNA convention programs. At that time you identified content which could be used to develop such a program for an NYSNA program.

Staff of NYSNA are now finalizing the 1989 convention topics. I shared my notes from our meeting with Dr. Gretchen Crawford, the new director of the Nursing Education Program. At this time occupational health will be added to the list of alternative programs.

If you have additional thoughts about this topic or the content for such a program please call me at 831-3842. I trust that all is well with you.

Sincerely,

Juanita K. Hunter, R.N., Ed.D.
President

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February 9, 1989

Juanita K. Hunter, Ed.D., R.N., President
THE NEW YORK STATE NURSES ASSOCIATION
127 Shirley Avenue
Buffalo, NY 14215
January 24, 1989

Mr. George McCoy
Chief Executive Officer
Erie County Medical Center
462 Grider Street
Buffalo, New York 14215

Dear Mr. McCoy:

Once again I looked forward to attending the January 24 meeting of the Health Task Force and once again a scheduled trip to New York City prevented my attendance. I have read all of the materials and minutes in order to keep abreast of activities and directions of the task force.

I can assure you that I am still very much interested in participating in this group and trust that the next meeting will coincide with a day that I am in Buffalo.

Sincerely,

Juanita K. Hunter, R.N., Ed.D.
President
New York State Nurses Association

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November 10, 1988

Bernice J. Trexler, RN
SUNY College of Technology, Nursing
P. O. Box 3050
Utica, NY 13504

Dear Ms. Trexler et al:

Thank you for your letter of October 5 in which you state your opposition to the NYSSA Board of Directors' recommendation that the Voting Body support the resolution and bylaw amendments to withdraw from ANA. The New York State Nurses Association has wrestled with this critical issue over the past twelve months and determined that little evidence existed to indicate appropriate attention to the membership issue within the Stage II CQR report. As you may recall, the 1987 NYSNA voting body reaffirmed a commitment to a professional membership base in ANA.

The 1988 Voting Body determined that no action would be taken on these issues until after the 1989 ANA House of Delegates meeting and subsequent evaluation by the NYSSA Board of Directors. Clearly, the issue is yet to be resolved and NYSSA needs all of its membership to take part in that resolution.

The NYSSA Board of Directors is also concerned about division within the nursing community. However, the issues of membership, purpose and function of an organization are the bases upon which programs and directions are defined. I urge you to continue your involvement in NYSSA as we work to resolve this critical issue. Once again, thank you for writing and sharing your concerns with me.

Sincerely yours,

Juanita K. Hunter, Ed.D., RN
President
NEW YORK STATE NURSES ASSOCIATION
2113 Western Avenue, Guilderland, N.Y. 12084, (518) 458-5371

Constituent of The American Nurses Association
NEW YORK STATE NURSES ASSOCIATION
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November 10, 1988

Kathleen M. White, MSN, RN
President
The Maryland Nurses' Association, Inc.
6227 Red Sandman Way
Ellicott, MD 21403

Dear Kathleen:

Thank you for your letter of October 7 in which you shared the Maryland Nurses' Association's request that NYSNA defer action on the resolution and bylaw amendments related to NYSNA withdrawal from ANA.

The 1988 NYSNA Voting Body did postpone action on these agenda items until after the 1989 House of Delegates meeting and subsequent evaluation by the NYSNA Board of Directors.

NYSNA also supports the COAR process. However, the Board of Directors is very concerned about the extensiveness of the study within the given time frame and the lack of clear emphasis on the membership issue within the study. I am enclosing a copy of the Board's response to the Stage II COAR report which delineates those concerns.

We appreciate your interest in NYSNA and your sharing of these thoughts with us.

Sincerely yours,

Juanita K. Hunter, EdD, RN
President

Enclosure

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2113 Western Avenue, Guilderland, N.Y. 12084, (518) 456-5371

November 10, 1988

Carole Kuzmack, MSN, RN-C
6652 Stokes Westerville Rd.
Avon, NY 13003

Dear Ms. Kuzmack et al:

Thank you for your letter of October 7 in which you shared your opposition to the recommendation of the NYSNA Board of Directors to the membership to support the resolution and bylaw amendments to withdraw from ANA. Clearly this issue was controversial in 1987 and continued to be so in 1988.

The concerns you raised in your letter have all been discussed by the Board of Directors as it wrestled with this difficult issue of philosophy, mission and purpose of a professional association. In the final analysis, the Voting Body decided to postpone action until the 1989 ANA House of Delegates meeting and subsequent evaluation by the NYSNA Board of Directors.

NYSNA will continue to work with other SNAs, ANA delegates and representatives of COAR in an effort to satisfactorily resolve this membership issue which in turn will affect all future organization endeavors. Thank you again for sharing your thoughts with me.

Sincerely yours,

Juanita K. Hunter, EdD, RN
President
November 10, 1988

Maria Anne Fletcher, RN
S Danzon Lane
Valley Stream, N.Y. 11581

Dear Maria:

Thank you for writing to express your concern about the resolution and bylaw amendments related to NYSNA withdrawal from ANA as a constituent member. The 1988 NYSNA Voting Body determined that action on these items would be postponed until after the 1989 ANA House of Delegates meeting and subsequent evaluation by the NYSNA Board of Directors.

Please be assured that we too are concerned about the image of nursing and our collective ability to effect a positive future for nursing and the health care system. However, the issue of professional versus technical membership in a professional association clearly will influence the strength and credibility of that unified nursing voice. NYSNA members reaffirmed in 1987 that the professional nurse should be the member of ANA. That position is clearly in opposition to the 1987 ANA House of Delegates action.

We will continue to work through this dilemma, and appreciate your concerns and thoughts which you have shared with us. Thank you for writing.

Sincerely yours,

Juanita K. Hunter, EdD, RN
President

NEW YORK STATE NURSES ASSOCIATION
2113 Western Avenue, Guilderland, N.Y. 12084, (518) 456-5371

November 10, 1988

Thomas E. Stenvig, RN, MPH, CNA
President
South Dakota Nurses' Association
1505 S. Minnesota, Suite 6
Sioux Falls, SD 57105

Dear Tom:

Thank you for your letter of October 12 in which you shared your Board of Director's request that NYSNA defer action on the recommendations to withdraw from ANA until the COAR process is completed.

I am sure you are aware that the resolution to withdraw and the accompanying bylaw amendments were mandated to be brought back to the 1988 NYSNA Voting Body. And you have been notified that the 1988 NYSNA voting body determined that no action would be taken on these agenda items until after the 1989 ANA House of Delegate meeting and subsequent evaluation by the NYSNA Board of Directors.

NYSNA remains committed to the concept of the professional nurse member base of ANA and will continue to articulate this position. We appreciate the interest and concern of the Board of Directors of the South Dakota Nurses Association and look forward to further dialogue with you as we continue to address this critical issue. Thank you again for writing.

Sincerely yours,

Juanita K. Hunter, EdD, RN
President
January 20, 1989

David Axelrod, MD
Commissioner of Health
Department of Health
Corning Tower
Empire State Plaza
Albany, NY 12237

Dear Dr. Axelrod:

The New York State Nurses Association is pleased to provide you with materials related to the American Medical Association's proposed registered care technologist (RCT).

NYSNA particularly recognizes that the current nursing shortage is serious, and we concur with our colleagues in medicine that this shortage of prepared bedside caregivers is jeopardizing the quality of patient care. However, the AMA's proposal will not solve the problem of a shortage of nurses. It will instead serve to (1) fragment patient care, (2) increase costs, and (3) create the impression that nursing is not a viable career.

The New York State Nurses Association is hopeful that our colleagues in medicine, who share our commitment to quality health care and who recognize the shortsightedness of the RCT role, will join us in defeating any implementation of this proposal. It is vitally important that leaders such as yourself join the nursing profession in implementing more effective and practical solutions to the nursing shortage.

The enclosed RCT informational packet has been sent to Ms. Lorna Ortlieb and Mr. Ray Sweeney. This packet has been widely distributed to interested persons throughout New York State.

On behalf of NYSNA, it has been my pleasure to provide you with this information. We look forward to continued collaborative efforts with your department.

Sincerely,

Christine Hindle Verber, EdD, RN
President

NEW YORK STATE NURSES ASSOCIATION
2113 Western Avenue, Guilderland, N.Y. 12084, (518) 455-5371
January 24, 1989

Dear Ms. Gargiullo:

Your letter of notification that you would not renew your membership in NYSNA was forwarded to me for a response. I do indeed regret your decision. Let me first assure you that NYSNA is actively involved in the process through which regulations for implementation of Chapter 257 of the laws of 1988 will be developed.

Secondly, the goal of NYSNA activities in the practitioner controversy was the advancement of nursing practice. Our disagreement with some nurse practitioners primarily revolved around nurse control of nursing practice and the appropriate nurse-physician relationship required to support autonomous nursing practice.

It seems appropriate and logical that now that we indeed have a nurse practitioner law that we proceed to move forward and work to develop improved working relationships with each other. That is my goal for the remainder of my term as NYSNA president.

I sense from your letter that you also feel proactive action is needed. I invite you to join me in this activity by a reconsideration of your decision to withdraw from NYSNA.

I would be pleased to discuss your concerns further if you desire. Thank you for sharing your thoughts with me.

Sincerely yours,

Juanita K. Hunter, EdD, RN
President

Juanita K. Hunter, EdD, RN
President
January 10, 1989

Della McGraw Goodwin  
National Center for the Advancement  
of Blacks in the Health Professions  
P.O. Box 21121  
Detroit, MI 48221

Dear Della,

As per your letter of invitation to the National Invitational Conference on December 16 and 17, hotel costs at the Pontchartrain Hotel were to be underwritten by the center. There were no provisions made for direct billing at the hotel therefore I was obliged to pay the bill.

I am submitting a copy of the bill and request reimbursement. Thank you for consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Juanita K. Hunter, R.N., Ed.D  
President  
New York State Nurses Association

July 11, 1988

Theresa Stephany  
4606 Canary Drive  
Pleasanton, CA 94566  

Dear Theresa:

A belated congratulations on your honor of being awarded third place winner in the Nurses’ Day essay contest. It was most gratifying to know that a truly professional nurse role model was identified and recognized.

It was also a pleasure to personally meet you at the New York/Pennsylvania/Connecticut forum. The strategies that were planned and executed in relation to the membership issue were appropriate. The lack of accurate information and knowledge expressed by many of the delegates reinforced the belief that the 1987 vote on the membership issue was premature.

Of course, next year will also be critical in this series of events. I look forward to your continued support as we strive to maintain a professional association.

Again, congratulations on your achievement.

Sincerely yours,

Juanita K. Hunter, Ed.D, R.N.  
President

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Peggy W. Dryden, RN, MS, MBA
572 N. Forest Road
Williamsville, NY 14221

Dear Ms. Dryden:

I am pleased to inform you that the NYSNA Board of Directors has appointed you to serve as an adviser on AIDS/HIV to the NYSNA Council on Nursing Practice and Council on Ethical Practice.

Karen Ballard, Director, Nursing Practice and Services Program, will be in touch with you in the near future about meeting arrangements.

The Board deeply appreciates your willingness to assist the Councils.

Sincerely yours,

Juanita K. Hunter, EdD, RN
President

cc: K. Ballard

Ronnie E. Leibowitz, MA, RN, CIC
Veterans Administration Medical Center
First Avenue at East 24th Street
New York, NY 10010

Dear Ms. Leibowitz:

I am pleased to inform you that the NYSNA Board of Directors has appointed you to serve as an adviser on AIDS/HIV to the NYSNA Council on Nursing Practice and Council on Ethical Practice.

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Sincerely yours,

Juanita K. Hunter, EdD, RN
President

cc: K. Ballard
January 5, 1989

Peter J. Ungvarski, MS, RN
415 West 23rd Street
New York, NY 10011

Dear Mr. Ungvarski:

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Juanita K. Hunter, EdD, RN
President

cc: K. Ballard

January 5, 1989

Melissa A. Brennan
2 Hospital Hill Road
Binghamton, NY 13901

Dear Ms. Brennan:

The NYSNA Board of Directors deeply appreciates your willingness to be considered for appointment as an adviser to the Councils on Nursing and Ethical Practice.

The Board determined to select advisers from areas of the state other than Binghamton.

Again, thank you. We hope we may consider you for future appointments. Your expertise would be an invaluable resource.

Sincerely yours,

Juanita K. Hunter, EdD, RN
President

cc: K. Ballard
June 17, 1988

Charles D. Sherman, Jr.
President
Medical Society of the State of New York
127 Southern Parkway
Rochester, NY 14618

Dear Dr. Sherman:

The constituent member State Nurses Associations of the American Nurses Association have learned that an Implementation Report of the American Medical Association's Board of Trustees, Report SS A-48, calling for creation of "Registered Care Technologists," will be considered by the American Medical Association's House of Delegates at the June 26 meeting in Chicago. This report was reviewed by the House of Delegates of the American Nurses' Association at our annual meeting earlier this week, and I wish to share with you the New York delegates to the AMA meeting our strong concerns about the proposal.

As you know, in February, 1988, the AMA Board of Trustees adopted a plan which calls for the preparation of "Registered Care Technologists (RCTs)." A new category of health care personnel to provide bedside care with a special emphasis on technical skills. Training of these individuals would range from two to nine months. According to the AMA, RCTs would provide the type of high technology care in acute care facilities that has been provided in the past by nurses prepared in hospital-based diploma programs. It is further proposed that the bedside care technologists be trained in technical and community colleges and that the RCTs be licensed and certified.

These recommendations are being proposed by the AMA as an outgrowth of concern for the shortage of Registered Nurses. The New York State Nurses Association appreciates the concern of the physician community about the nursing shortage, and shares their determination that the shortage not have a detrimental effect on patient care. However, this proposed solution will not address the shortage in a positive way, nor will it assure the necessary quality of care for our patients.

Without question, hospitals, and third-party payors. Confusion of consumers as to the qualifications and scope of practice of the RCT can also be expected.

Licensure and certification would have to be restructured and maintained, a lengthy, costly, and time-consuming process.

Rather than developing a new category of provider, NYSHA suggests that support of the medical community be mobilized to prevent in the implementation of strategies developed by a consortium of this country's major nursing organizations. These strategies are described in the enclosed position paper.

It is our understanding that the Medical Societies of several states have already pledged their efforts to assure that the RCT proposal is set aside. The Ohio State Medical Association will offer an emergency resolution at the AMA House of Delegates which
C. Sherman  
June 17, 1988  
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Will call for cooperation with the organized nursing community in devising creative methods to increase enrollment in nursing support, and that of each delegate from New York, for such a resolution.

The shortage of nurses must not become the rationale or the means for lowering the standards for those who will provide bedside care to our population. NYSHA urges that all of us who are committed to quality patient care work together to assure a practical nursing.

Sincerely,

Juanita K. Hunter  
Ed.D., RN  
President

CC: NYSHA Delegates to the AMA House of Delegates  
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Lucille Joel, President, American Nurses Association  
NYSHA Board of Directors  
NYSHA District Nurses Associations
For Immediate Release

October 23, 1968

To: Mary Bevkard, Editor
New York State Medical News
200 North Townsend Street
Syracuse, New York 13203

From: Juanita K. Hunter, R.N., Ed.D.
President, New York State Nurses Association

The AMAs proposal to create a new category of health care workers is misguided and misdirected as this proposal will not solve the nursing shortage.

The AMAs proposal is based on the false assumption that professional nurses are leaving the bedside. What has really happened is that as health care technology has changed the demand for qualified professional nurses to fill new and expanded roles has increased. Nurses are versatile professionals and adapt readily to new and varied situations.

The introduction of the RCT would blur lines of responsibility, create unnecessary confusion and lead to a serious fragmentation of patient care. All of the major nursing organizations have banded together to fight and to defeat implementation of this proposal.

JKHmb
October 24, 1988

Dear Mr. Jager,

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As I indicated, I am forwarding the name of the chairperson of the New York State Nurses for Political Action. She is Karen Durmin Duffy and her number is 716-263-5972, pager 263-6000 (office) and 536-4411 (home). I have talked with Ms. Durmin-Duffy and she expects your call. Please keep me informed of your future activities.

Sincerely,

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THE NEW YORK STATE NURSES ASSOCIATION
127 Shirley Avenue
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AIDS and Related Diseases, Inc.
833 Fifth Avenue, Suite 601
New York, New York 10017

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THE NEW YORK STATE NURSES ASSOCIATION
127 Shirley Avenue
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July 25, 1986

U.S. Air Frequent Traveler Program
Award Certificate Program Department
P.O. Box 1011
Fairfax, VA 22030

Dear Sir:

Some time ago, I wrote to you and indicated that I had three frequent flyer numbers: one from the old coupon book and two from cards I had received in the mail. I was asked by you to select one number which I did (201 900 055), to inform you of that number which I did and to discard the second card which I also did.

When I received my July statement, I discovered that the June travel had not been credited. In addition, I received two July statements with mileage credited for two separate accounts.

Could you possibly resolve this confusion and assist me in receiving an accurate record of my airline travel. To assist you in this process, I am forwarding copies of travel receipts from my travel agent.

Thank you for consideration of this matter. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Juanita K. Hunter, E.D.D., R.N., President

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127 Shirley Avenue
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December 22, 1987

The Honorable Mario M. Cuomo
Governor, State of New York
Executive Chamber
The Capitol
Albany, NY 12224

Dear Governor Cuomo:

The New York State Nurses Association would like to share our thoughts and concerns related to the impending final report of the New York State Health Department's Labor-Health Industry Task Force on Health Personnel. We have been pleased to have the opportunity to participate in the work of the Task Force and its five working subcommittees.

We are very pleased about the proposed recommendations related to increased scholarship assistance for nursing students and the strategies to improve the compensation and benefit packages for experienced nurses. These are, however, three proposed recommendations in the recent draft documents which we believe to be a very detrimental trend to dismantle current safeguards for the public good.

One authorizes the Commissioner of Education and the Commissioner of Health to declare a "health personnel emergency" for specific licensed occupations. During this emergency, auxiliary personnel would be permitted to carry out services ordinarily provided by licensed personnel. In addition, there is a suggested provision for challenging professional examinations for licensure.

The second addresses a proposal for demonstration projects which would permit hospitals and health care institutions to utilize licensed health care personnel with greater flexibility. There seems to be some confusion on the part of Task Force members as to the exact nature of these projects. In our opinion, this recommendation potentially promises the concept of institutional licensure. We have reminded the Task Force of the tremendous occasions that practice sets have, in their first objective, protection of the public and that the citizens of New York State will not be served when common standards for quality care are lacking and when there are differing qualifications for health care providers from institution to institution.
The third recommendation of concern addresses periodic reassessment of scope of practice requirements and other regulations which may be barriers to the utilization of health professionals. In our opinion, this recommendation would put into place the opportunity to "sunrise" the Nurse Practice Act. We have shared the disastrous and costly experiences of other states when sunsetting has occurred.

The New York State Nurses Association believes these suggested recommendations to be serious enough to apprise you of our concerns even before the final report is published. We believe others, in their turn to address the immediate shortage of today, must not diminish the standards for quality assurance that took decades to develop.

We would like the opportunity to discuss these serious issues with you immediately after the holidays. Best wishes for a happy and healthy New Year.

Sincerely,

Juanita K. Hunter, EdD, RN
President

cc: The Honorable Steve Landlin
   Lieutenant Governor, State of New York
   Box 337
   The Capitol
   Albany, NY 12222

   Ilene D. Marpolin
   Deputy Secretary to the Governor for Human Services
   Executive Chambers, Room 227
   The Capitol
   Albany, NY 12224

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NEW YORK STATE NURSES ASSOCIATION
2113 Western Avenue, Guilderland, N.Y. 12084, (518) 456-5371
February 8, 1988
Lee Xippolitos
PO Box 2076
St. James, New York 11780

Dear Lee:

This will respond to your letter received in our office February 5, 1988. Since your earlier letter referred to actions taken by the Board of Directors and the Voting Body, it was referred to Dr. Juanita Hunter for response.

I would like to reassure you that the letter you received as a signatory to the communication of the Committee to Stay with ANA was mailed to all those who at the time the letter was mailed were not members of NYSNA. It was simply a matter of timing that your membership became inactive just before the letters were sent. Our records were not inaccurate, and the letter to you, dated December 30, notes that you are not a current member. I certainly apologize for any confusion about your membership status as of the date of the Committee's letter.

Lee, your membership and your participation in the affairs of NYSNA were greatly appreciated. I urge you to reconsider your decision not to renew your membership. As you know, there are always issues about which there is a division of opinion among members. The debate in Buffalo attested to this fact, but the resolution of the issue clearly had the support of even those who strongly differed on the underlying issue. Please remember that the action taken by the Board of Directors on the membership issue was precisely done in order to give NYSNA members an opportunity to make a decision for themselves on the matter.

I deeply regret the anger in your letter. If it would be helpful, I invite you to call me to discuss the matter.

Sincerely,

Martha L. Orr
Executive Director
March 18, 1988

Barbara J. Sabel
Executive Deputy Commissioner
Department of Social Services
40 North Pearl Street
Albany, NY 12242-0001

Dear Barbara:

It has been some time since our January meeting. However, I still remember what a pleasure it was to renew our acquaintance. And, although belatedly, on behalf of the New York State Nurses Association, I welcome you to New York State and extend best wishes to you in your position as Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Social Services.

As we discussed in our meeting, there are ongoing negotiations between the New York State Nurses Association and the Department of Social Services regarding the role and function of the personal care aides. We will keep you informed of the outcome of these discussions.

We look forward to a close working relationship with you and to your presence at the New York State Nurses Convention in October.

Fondly,

Juana K. Hunter, EdD, RN
President

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April 15, 1988

Doreen Roney, RN
Inservice Director
Sarah R. Neuman Nursing Home
846 Palmer Ave.
Mamaroneck, NY 10543

Dear Doreen:

Thank you for your letter of February 19 regarding the New York State Health Department's Labor-Health Industry Task Force on Health Personnel. I have, to some degree, delayed a response to your letter in hopes that I could share more definitive information with you regarding the outcome of that report.

I now have that information.

The final draft recommendations of the task force report have been released and public hearings have been scheduled throughout the state. I encourage you to attend the hearing in your area which is scheduled on April 22 in New York City. I shall now answer your specific questions.

The section on the "health personnel emergency" has been removed from the report. Your question regarding how auxiliary personnel would be permitted to carry out services ordinarily provided by licensed personnel was very appropriate. The earlier draft was silent as to how this would be accomplished, and this fact was troublesome to NYSNA. Therefore, I cannot cite specific examples.

Periodic assessment of scope of practice requirements is one recommendation in the report which NYSNA will oppose. This recommendation would include a review of professional practice acts and therefore increase the potential for inappropriate changes in the acts.

Institutional licensure is a controversial concept that has received much attention in the past. When implemented, individual licensure is mandated by a single license to the institution. The institution would then be responsible for determining job requirements, continuing education of employers, and criteria for advancement. Institutional licensure is one possible outcome of periodic review of practice acts.
I have included two articles for your review in response to your questions. In closing, thank you for your interest and concern. NYSNA will publish a report of the hearings and, in addition, I suggest you monitor your local media.

Sincerely yours,

Juanita K. Hunter
President

Enclosures
April 22, 1988

Dear Ms. DeGan:

In this time, you should have received the tapes on parliamentary procedure which you joined me. I did find them helpful and have ordered a set for myself.

Thank you for sharing the materials and being responsive to my needs.

Sincerely,

Juanita K. Hunter, R.N., Ed.D.
President

April 11, 1988

Ruth Harper, R.N., B.S.
1602 East 31st Street
Brooklyn, NY 11208

Dear Ms. DeGan:

Thank you for your thoughtful letter which addressed several important issues. First, NYSNA believes that the new LPH regulations should be challenged based upon the fact that LPHs do not have the educational base to assume responsibility for this activity. We do not believe that patient safety should be compromised because of the nursing shortage. It is good to know that you support this action. Further, we are encouraging our members to express their concerns in writing to Dr. David Axelrod, Commissioner, New York State Department of Health, Executive Office, Room 1408, 14th Floor, Empire State Plaza, Tower Building, Albany, NY 12237.

The second issue which you mentioned is one in which NYSNA has recently become actively involved, and that is the special needs of the retired nurse. A group of retired nurses was convened at the NYSNA convention in Buffalo to discuss their interest in establishing an interest group within NYSNA. The response was positive, and many unmet needs of this group surfaced at the meeting, including a desire of all to stay actively involved in nursing.

Further, there has been some discussion about the recruitment of retired nurses as one strategy to address the nursing shortage. Your example of discriminatory hiring practices by one institution provides concrete evidence that the barrier of age discrimination will need to be addressed as this recommendation is explored for possible action.

The final point you mentioned was the practice environment and its effect on the migration of registered nurses out of institutions and into other areas of practice. You might be interested in knowing that NYSNA recently launched a major project to address the problem of retention and recruitment of nurses. The specific strategies to implement the recommendations from the Arden House Conference, which initiated that project, will be forthcoming soon. The Report will publish those strategies.
Juanita K. Hunter, EdD, RN
President

Dear Dr. Kovner:

Thank you for your letter of March 17 regarding the draft report of the New York State Health Labor Industry Task Force Report. As you know, NYSSA was also pleased that positive recommendations were listed in the report. We have indeed verbalized this fact in all of our discussions regarding the report. In addition, I believe that this message was conveyed to you.

It may be helpful for you to know that others who participated in the task force meetings were as distressed as NYSSA about certain recommendations in the report. We do indeed support demonstration projects with necessary controls built into them to ensure patient safety. However, the tone of certain aspects of the report, coupled with negative responses to NYSSA from the many meetings of the task force and with health department staff, have alarmed us about the possibility of institutional resistance to any of these recommendations. In addition, there was very little attention given to the report in the news to alter the practice environment to retain professional nurses in this state and institutions, and to meet the projected need of registered professional nurses for the year 2000.

We are currently finalizing our response to the draft report and are also preparing for the statewide hearings which will be held by the state. Our response does indeed focus on the positive aspects of the recommendations as well as the negative aspects. Please try to attend the meeting in the local area which will be held on April 17.
Christine Kovner, PhD, RN
April 11, 1988
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In closing, thank you so much for writing and sharing your concerns. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,

Juanita K. Hunter, EdD, RN
President

Additionally, you may be interested to know that we have a Consortium of 18 NYSNA officials and others who are working on specific strategies to implement the recommendations of the Arden House Conference on Recruitment and Retention. The group is using the recommendations of the National Commission on Nursing Implementation Project as a resource for developing specific strategies. The group would certainly be open to further review of other appropriate projects that would enhance those efforts. Please send me your references. It may also be appropriate to refer to the projects you mentioned in testimony at the hearings.

In closing, thank you so much for writing and sharing your concerns. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,

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April 11, 1988

Pearl Skeete Bailey, EdD, RN
Director, Nursing Program
York College
The City University of New York
Jamaica, NY 11431

Dear Pearl:

Your response to the draft Entry into Practice Position Statement of the Minority Focus Group was shared with me by Janet Mance. Your input and critique of the statement was most helpful and I appreciate the critical questions you raised about the relationship between the nursing shortage and the entry question as it relates to minorities. These comments will assist us in perfecting the document.

I am sorry, however, that you do not support the present entry bill and do not wish to have your name on the position statement. I trust that we can continue to discuss your areas of disagreement. I would like to meet with you to continue discussion around these issues. If you agree to this, I will contact you about specific dates.

On behalf of the Minority Focus Group, thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely yours,

Juanita K. Hunter, EdD, RN
President

cc: J. Mance
April 15, 1988

Assemblywoman Deidre Daniele
9th Assembly District, New York County
Legislative Office Building
Room 119
Albany, NY 12248

Dear Assemblywoman Daniele:

As you may already know, I am chair of the Minority Caucus Group of the New York State Nurses Association. This group was established two years ago and identified as one goal to improve communication between members of the Black and Puerto Rican Caucus and the state association.

As part of our activities for the year, our group has requested a meeting with the Black and Puerto Rican Caucus to discuss the nursing shortage and the negative impact of this crisis on minorities. We are looking forward to this meeting with great anticipation and hope that when it is scheduled you will be able to attend. We believe that it is an important first step in resolution of these problems.

Thank you for your interest and past efforts.

Sincerely,

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April 20, 1988

Juditte P. Morgan
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Buffalo, NY 14215

Dear Dr. Morgan:

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December 17, 1987

Dorothy Williams, CRNA
Vice President
New York State Association of Nurse Anesthetists, Inc.
4954 Union Street
Ithaca, NY 14857

Dear Dorothy:

Please excuse the delay in getting a copy of the Entry into Practice legislation to you. I have been on the road for NYSSNA continuously since I saw you last.

I have reviewed staff about their efforts in resisting the proposed changes related to nurse anesthetists in the State Health Code. I have been assured by Martha Orr, our executive director, that staff substantially expressed the concern you raised with me.

I am enclosing additionally a copy of the draft recommendation of the health and labor task force. This report was commissioned by Governor Cuomo and will frame his remarks on health for his state of the state message on January 6, 1988. We are very concerned about this report and the implications therein for institutional licensure and sunset of the nurse practice act.

Please call me once you have had an opportunity to review the report. Have a happy holiday.

Sincerely,

Juanita K. Hunter, R.N., Ed.D.
President
New York State Nurses Association

Marina L. Orr, MN, RN
Executive Director

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March 30, 1988

Mildred Morton, PhD, RN
46 Hillburn Road
Garden City, NY 11530

Dear Dr. Montag:

As you undoubtedly know, the New York State Nurses Association has, for more than 15 years, actively promoted legislation which would standardize and elevate the educational requirements for entry into professional and technical nursing practice. We have, throughout these years, encountered strong and sustained opposition from educators and administrators of associate degree programs. This opposition has been effective in preventing the nursing community from approaching the state legislature with a united approach.

At this juncture, NYSSNA is examining the strategies through which we might assist legislators, the public, and numerous other constituencies to understand the urgent necessity of standardizing our educational base. We consistently address common misunderstandings such as: (1) the "editing" portion that we do not appreciate the value of technologically prepared nurses; (2) the argument that performance on the NCLEX-PN examination reveals no differences between associate degree and baccalaureate degree graduates; (3) concern that an increase in educational requirements will create barriers to access to the nursing profession, particularly for economically disadvantaged and minority students; and (4) differences in the practice of nurses, two levels of nurses will be determined by the marketplace and a sufficient premium will be placed on the higher level of education; therefore, legislation is unnecessary.

It would be enormously helpful to NYSSNA if you would share your thoughts with us on these issues as well as any assistance you may have for countering the continued opposition of the associate
degree community. In our efforts to negotiate language for the revised nurse practice act, we have become acutely aware that two autonomous practitioners with independent scopes of practice would be the only acceptable resolution by most associate degree faculty. This position does not appear to be consistent with your original vision of associate degree education for nurses.

You are the recognized architect of associate degree education in nursing. I would very much appreciate your assistance and advice on this matter and look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Juanita K. Hunter, EdD, RN
President

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Juanita K. Hunter, EdD., R.N., President
THE NEW YORK STATE NURSES ASSOCIATION
127 Shirley Avenue
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March 25, 1988

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Sincerely,

Juanita K. Hunter, EdD., R.N.
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Oct 4, 1988
March 28, 1988

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Beecham
cc: M. Orr
February 8, 1988

Diana Mason, PhD, RN
President
The New York Counties
Registered Nurses Association
200 Park Avenue
New York, NY 10003

Dear Diana:

I would be pleased to attend and speak to members at the March 15 District 13 membership meeting. However, you should consider the fact that it will not be possible on that date for me to provide an update on the status of NYSNA's steps to implement the Resolution on Organizational Mission and any related ANA actions that are substantially different from information you received at the Advisory Council meeting. A full discussion of the issue will take place at the NYSNA Board meeting on the 17th and 18th.

We appreciate the District's desire for information about NYSNA convention issues and the outcomes of the ANA House of Delegates sessions. Please be assured that information will be shared as quickly as possible with districts. You will be pleased to know that at its January meeting the Board of Directors approved dissemination of the board-approved proposed NYSNA legislative program immediately following the NYSNA September Board meeting. The proposed program as it will be presented to the voting body in October will be available by mail on request and will be included on the June-June message. The proposed program's availability will be announced in the May-June and/or the July-August Report issues.

Thank you for advance notice of the date of the District's Awards Dinner. I would be pleased and honored to be there.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,

Juanita K. Hunter, EdD, RN
President
JPH/WNE/B

November 19, 1988

Thomas Sobol, EdD
Commissioner of Education
State Education Department
State University of New York
Albany, NY 12224

Dear Commissioner Sobol:

As you know, the New York State Nurses Association is the professional organization for registered nurses in the state. The Association is comprised of four major programs, one of which is the Legislative Program. Each year NYSNA's Council on Legislation develops a Legislative Program for the Board of Directors' presentation to the Voting Body. Through the Association's Legislative Program as adopted by the Voting Body, members influence issues critical to the nursing profession and health care. Nursing education issues, including elevation and standardization of the education base for nurses, have been critical elements of the Association's Legislative Program.

We are writing to request a meeting with you to discuss nursing education issues that affect Association activity in the implementation of our 1988 Legislative Program. The NYSNA participants in the proposed meeting would be President Juanita K. Hunter, Legislative Program Director Janet Mance and me. We have been informed by your staff that the meeting could not take place before January. We would appreciate being advised by your staff of dates in January on which you could participate in such a meeting. Your staff may call my secretary Kim Roberts at the above telephone number to discuss possible dates.

We look forward to meeting with you.

Sincerely yours,

Martha L. Orr
Executive Director

NYS/WNE/Ed
Correspondence

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NEW YORK STATE NURSES ASSOCIATION
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December 4, 1987

Judith Ryan, PhD, RN
Executive Director
American Nurses' Association
2420 Pershing Road
Kansas City, MO 64108

Dear Dr. Ryan:

I am writing to register NYSNA's concern about the criteria for and process of selection of appointees to the National Commission on Nursing Implementation Project Work Groups. In the course of my participation in the implementation Project's Second Invitational Conference last month, I became acutely aware of the significance of the influence of work group composition on the future of the nursing profession.

Equal to the importance of the recommendations is the importance of the outcomes of the work group studies and those outcomes' representation of the interests of the profession in its diversity.

In light of our concerns, we are requesting information about the process by which work group members are chosen.

Sincerely yours,

Juanita K. Hunter, EdD, RN
President

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February 24, 1988

Assemblyman Joseph T. Pillittere
106 Room 526
Albany, NY 12248

Dear Assemblyman Pillittere:

I was disappointed that you were unable to attend the 9th Annual Reception for Legislators on Monday, February 1, in the Empire State Plaza due to your illness. I appreciated that one of your staff did attend in your absence.

Although I was unable to meet with you and to discuss our legislative program for 1988, I will make an appointment with you to do this in the near future during one of my frequent Albany trips.

I look forward to working with you this session.

Sincerely,

Juanita K. Hunter, EdD, RN
President
The Council on Legislation of the New York State Nurses Association will hold its 9th Annual Reception for Legislators on Monday, February 1 in the Albany Room, Concourse Level of the Empire State Plaza from 5-7 p.m.

As President of this association and a resident of Western New York, I would be pleased if the Legislators in my area would join me on this occasion.

We look forward to a productive legislative session and this reception is the official kick off for our activities. I look forward to seeing you on February 1.

Thank you for consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Juanita K. Hunter, R.N., Ed.D.
President
New York State Nurses Association
February 11, 1988

Barbara Sabol
Executive Deputy Commissioner
New York State Department of Social Services
40 North Pearl Street
Albany, NY 12242

Dear Ms. Sabol:

It is a pleasure to inform you that the New York State Nurses Association Board of Directors has requested that you deliver the Association's keynote address at our 1988 Convention. The address is scheduled tentatively for Sunday, October 16, 1988 in the evening. The Convention will be held at the Concord Resort Hotel in Ramesha Lake, New York, from October 16 through October 19.

Should you be able to accept this invitation, we will discuss the Convention theme and your topic for inclusion in the program in the near future.

Our staff would be pleased to make arrangements for your overnight accommodation at the Concord should you desire. The Association will, of course, reimburse you for any expenses incurred by your participation.

We do hope it will be possible for you to accept this invitation.

Sincerely yours,

Martha L. Orr
Executive Director

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February 3, 1988

Juanita E. Hunter, Ed.D., R.N.
President
New York State Nurses Association
2113 Western Avenue
Guilderland, New York 12084

Dear Juanita:

I was very kind of you to write thanking me for my leadership on the membership issue. As you know, I share your conviction that resolution of this matter is of the highest priority.

The Commission on Organizational Assessment and Renewal is off to a good start. We had an excellent meeting on January 24-25. We are so pleased to have Cecilia Mulvey as a member of the Steering Committee.

Juanita, best wishes in your NYSNA presidency. It was so nice to have you with us for the December meeting of the ANA Board.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Margaret M. Styles
President

February 8, 1988

Judith Hougaard
President
Utah Nurses' Association
1678 East Ninth South
Salt Lake City, Utah 84105

Dear Ms. Hougaard,

As we discussed, enclosed is my letter to the editor for publication in the next issue of PJU-E. [Initial]

Thank you for the opportunity to reach your members.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Judith K. Hunter
President

JKH/ker
In your July/August 1987 issue, an article entitled "A House Divided" discussed the ANA membership issue and who should be represented by ANA. The article indicated that the "House of Delegates voted to keep membership as it is representing associate and professional nurses.

Unfortunately, this statement was inaccurate. At the American Nurses' Association's House of Delegates meeting on June 6-9, 1987, action was taken to amend the bylaws of the Association to require all constituent State Nurses Associations to admit Associate Nurses (of the future) to membership. This amendment went into effect immediately, including a proviso that defines the term "associate nurse" as inclusive of all titles being proposed for the second level practitioner of the future.

Contrary to the belief held by many nurses that the action of the 1987 House of Delegates would maintain the status quo, the adoption of the so-called "occupational" model by the American Nurses' Association will diversify membership and embrace a new and different philosophy. The associate degree nurse of today is not the associate nurse of the future.

The New York State Nurses Association firmly believes that this misunderstanding of the basic issues involved in the membership question adversely influenced the vote of many delegates. Those delegates believed that an affirmative vote on the bylaw amendment assured future membership in ANA for the associate degree graduate.

The New York State Nurses Association vigorously opposed the bylaw amendment and subsequently took action at its October 22-25 annual convention to collectively voice its opposition. The Board of Directors of NYSNA recommended withdrawal of NYSNA from ANA. However, a substitute resolution was introduced by the Board of Directors and nearly unanimously passed by the membership.

Juanita K. Hunter, RN, EdD
President
February 10, 1988

Janet Osborn, BSH
State Department of Health
Office of Public Health
677 South Salina Street
Syracuse, N.Y. 13202-3592

Dear Ms. Osborn:

Thank you for your letter and concern regarding the impending report of the New York State Health Department's Health Industry Task Force. We are still awaiting the final report which was to be completed by the end of January.

Although the final report has not been issued, it has already been used to justify recent actions by Health Commissioner, David Axelrod, when he signed authorization to allow LPNs to perform IV therapy, including total parenteral nutrition therapy.

Your intended action to join NYSNA will indeed be a positive action to combat any possible negative outcomes of this report. In addition, this will increase our strength as we continue to address this important issue. Please share your concern with other colleagues, Dr. Axelrod, Governor Mario Cuomo's office and your local legislators.

We will keep you informed as events evolve. Finally, I look forward to your becoming a member of NYSNA.

Sincerely yours,

Juanita K. Hunter, EdD, RN
President
February 3, 1988
Carolyn A. Holt
Page Two

The shared support of all NYSNA members is valuable and appreciated. The Board asked that you be invited to communicate any additional concerns or questions that you have on this or any other matter to them. You would, of course, be welcome to attend a meeting of the board of directors to present these concerns should you wish.

Thank you again for your interest in and commitment to the Association.

Sincerely,

Martha L. Orr
Executive Director
You discussed with us several ideas that merit very close consideration. I would like to offer the Association's continuing cooperation and input into the development of those ideas. In particular, if the Regents do move forward with the planning of specialized high schools of health education, I hope that you will let us assist in the appropriate conceptualization of this program.

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Again, thank you for the opportunity to discuss these concerns with you. Please let us know if there are ways that the Association can be of assistance in your plans to address the educational needs of prospective nurses.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Juanita K. Hunter, EdD, RN
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Enclosures
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December 7, 1987
Martin C. Barell
Chancellor
New York State Board of Regents
Box 47
East Norwich, New York 11732

Dear Mr. Barell:

On behalf of myself and Executive Director Martha Orr, I would like to express our sincere appreciation for the opportunity of meeting with you to discuss the nursing shortage and related issues. Your interest in and concern for appropriate means of addressing the educational needs of nurses is most gratifying.

As you requested, we have attempted to ascertain informally an estimate of the current "excess capacity" in baccalaureate programs of education for nurses throughout the state. Enclosed is a tabulation of the responses to our telephone inquiries.

In general, the Deans and Directors of Baccalaureate programs indicated that the schools could absorb an additional ... students, assuming that qualified students could be found and that their needs for scholarship support were addressed. Some programs indicated that additional faculty might be necessary, particularly for clinical courses, and that financial support for additional faculty positions might be a problem.

You also asked that we ascertain the willingness of these schools to consider a "fast track" option, again under the same assumptions as above. Most of the schools expressed serious reservations concerning this question, particularly in terms of faculty availability, the structure of their particular curricula, or the ability of students to undertake and complete such a rigorous program. One Dean commented that if students entering such an accelerated program were drawn from minority and disadvantaged pools, it must be recognized that these students have typically required four to six years to complete their programs.

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January 20, 1988
Karen Bruce, President
Licensed Practical Nurses and
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233 West 49th St., 8th Floor
New York, NY 10019

Dear Ms. Bruce:

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Martha L. Orr, MN, RN
Executive Director
January 26, 1988

Ms. Cheryl Bevel
Director of Constituent Relations
American Nurses Association
2420 Pershing Road
Kansas City, Missouri 64108

Dear Cheryl:

As you can see from the enclosed letter, a previous communication was sent to you expressly denying permission to ANA to use all or any part of the membership list of NYSNA. Robert Sacco, our Director of Financial Affairs has informed me that he also spoke directly with you concerning this manner.

I sincerely hope that it is very clear now that NYSNA reserves all rights to the use of all or any part of our membership mailing list. As I'm sure you must know, this is a matter of great sensitivity and importance to us. Please make a special effort to ensure that no further unauthorized use of our mailing list occurs.

Sincerely yours,

Martha L. Orr
Executive Director

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October 30, 1987

Ms. Cheryl Bevel
Director of Constituent Relations
American Nurses Association, Inc.
2420 Pershing Road
Kansas City, Missouri 64108

Dear Ms. Bevel:

This letter is to confirm our conversation regarding the use of, access to and sale of NYSNA membership lists or any segment therefrom. NYSNA does not grant ANA permission to use, sell or access member labels without prior written authorization.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Robert R. Sacco
Director of Financial Affairs

cc: Martha L. Orr, Executive Director
Dear Dr. Taylor:

As indicated in Executive Director Martha L. Orr's letter to you, your letter of November 3, 1987 was forwarded to the Bylaws Committee for consideration during its meeting of November 17. After much deliberation, the Committee determined that it would not recommend amendments to the NYSNA bylaws to provide for a mail ballot for future bylaw changes.

The committee appreciates your concerns and understands that some other members may indeed support your request. However, as you know, the Voting Body of the Association is the entity authorized by our bylaws to determine the positions and policies of the Association. Every member is entitled to participate in the debate and vote on matters before the Voting Body. Your request for consideration of this bylaw amendment was rejected by a large majority of those members present in the Voting Body in October. It does not seem appropriate to refer these proposed amendments back to the Voting Body next year.

You have raised two issues which, strictly speaking, do not fall within the scope of responsibility of this committee. These questions are properly referred to the Board of Directors: (a) facilitation of attendance at the convention and voting body, and (b) registration fees. It is my understanding that the Board will consider these issues at its January meeting.

A second point is that mailed referenda are very costly (approximately $30,000 for NYSNA) and, generally speaking, obtain a very low response rate. For example, the election of NYSNA officers and directors is conducted by mail ballot and seldom exceeds a return of 4,000 members.

Finally, the procedure you proposed would be quite cumbersome and time consuming, and would still not ensure that members would hear, and have the opportunity to participate in, debate on the merits of proposals. The Bylaws Committee believes that such debate is the essence of deliberation and that informed decision making is best served by this procedure.

The Bylaws Committee will meet again in March. Should you have further comments on this matter, please do not hesitate to write.

Sincerely yours,

Ann Marie Treanor
Chairman
Bylaws Committee
December 17, 1987

Herlie Steinbach, RN, MN
2647 Milburn Avenue
Bellevue, WA 98004

Dear Herlie:

Thank you for your thoughtful letter regarding changes in the Statewide Planning Committee. It was indeed reassuring and reassuring to be reminded that districts seek active involvement in the ongoing programs of NNTSA.

As you may recall, concerns about the lack of effectiveness of the Statewide Planning Committee surfaced over a year ago and have been discussed by the Council on Nursing Education. As a committee which had been active in the community, I am sure you were aware of the attendance problems, incomplete representation, and lack of district implementation of Committee action.

In response to those issues, the Board of Directors did approve a new set of goals for the Statewide Planning Committee. The goals, which are intended to facilitate effective functioning of the Committee, include:

- The establishment of working committees
- The establishment of district representatives
- The establishment of a process for recommendations received from district representatives
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In summary, all efforts of the restructured Statewide Planning Committee will center around the development of directives which are intended to fully implement the activities as outlined. As per our usual procedure, the NNTSA Board of Directors will have the opportunity to submit names to the NNTSA Committee for appointments for consideration. In addition, the Council on Nursing Education and the Board of Directors will monitor progress of the Committee throughout the year.

Please be assured that these actions in no way are intended to minimize the importance of meaningful district input and collaboration in meeting the goals of this association. And finally, your letter will be shared with the Board of Directors at its January meeting.

Thank you for sharing your interest and concern with me regarding NNTSA's program.

Sincerely yours,

Juanita K. Hunter, RN, MN
President

JMH/ver
December 11, 1987

Judith A. Ryan, PhD, RN
Executive Director
American Nurses' Association
2420 Pershing Road
Kansas City, MO 64108

Dear Dr. Ryan:

Enclosed is a corrected copy of Juanita Hunter's December 4, 1987 letter to you concerning the National Commission work group appointment process.

The correction is embodied in the sentence which comprises the second paragraph. Regrettably, the wording of this sentence in the original version of the letter does not accurately convey Dr. Hunter's intent.

I apologize for the error and attendant confusion.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Wendy M. Burbank
Associate to the Executive Director

[Signature]

December 4, 1987

Judith Ryan, PhD, RN
Executive Director
American Nurses' Association
2420 Pershing Road
Kansas City, MO 64108

Dear Dr. Ryan:

I am writing to register NYSNA's concern about the criteria for and process of selection of appointees to the National Commission on Nursing Implementation Project Work Groups. In the course of my participation in the Implementation Project's Second Invitational Conference last month, I became acutely aware of the significance of the influence of work group composition on the future of the nursing profession.

Equal to the importance of the recommendations is the importance of the outcomes of the work group studies, and that these outcomes represent the interests of the profession in its diversity.

In light of our concerns, we are requesting information about the process by which work group members are chosen.

Sincerely yours,

Juanita K. Hunter

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July 7, 1987

Daniel G. Morrison
Assistant General Manager
Service America Corporation
Kansas City Convention Center
310 West 14th Street
Kansas City, Missouri 64105

Dear Mr. Morrison,

The Committee to Elect New York State Candidates deeply appreciates your very professional assistance in helping to make our "New York Deli" which was held on Sunday, June 7, a smashing success.

The room was elegant and the food was delicious and beautifully displayed. Your staff was courteous and assisted us whenever we asked for help. The response of the delegates was so favorable that the New York State Delegation was commended for this affair during the House of Delegates meeting.

And finally, three of our four candidates were elected to office. Many thanks and we look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,

Juanita K. Hunter, R.N., Ed.D.
Chairperson, Committee to Elect New York Candidates
December 7, 1987

J. Carter Brown, Ph.D.
Director
National Gallery of Art
Sixth Street and Constitution Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20565

Dear Dr. Brown:

At its annual meeting on October 22-25, 1987 the Voting Body of the New York State Nurses Association approved the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the significant contribution of women, the vast majority of whom were nurses, who served in Vietnam and with the military has not been sufficiently recognized;

WHEREAS, the Fine Arts Commission of the National Gallery of Art disapproved the proposed inclusion in the Vietnam Memorial of the statue of a female nurse designed to offer tribute to women who served in Vietnam and with the military, therefore be it:

RESOLVED, that the New York State Nurses Association communicate to the Chairman of the Fine Arts Commission its strong objection to the Commission's decision to exclude the statue from the Memorial.

On behalf of the nearly 30,000 members of The New York State Nurses Association, I am writing to vigorously protest the decision of the Fine Arts Commission to disapprove the inclusion of the Vietnam Women's Memorial statue in the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, DC.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Martha L. Orr
Executive Director

cc: Donna Marie Bonley, JD, RN
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
Vietnam Women's Memorial Project

Mary Stout
President
Vietnam Veterans of America

Judith A. Ryan, PhD, RN
Executive Director
American Nurses' Association

Senator David Durenberger
Congressman Samuel Gejdenson

BCC: Linda Schwartz
Joanita K. Hunter
Madeline A. Meagle
Please cast your vote below and return the ballot to Marty Wellington, coordinator, Center for Governance at ANA headquarters by January 5, 1988.

Please indicate whether or not you approve of the Constituent Forum recommending that the Committee on Bylaws consider a proposed amendment providing for biennial meetings of the ANA House of Delegates. One vote per SNA should be cast by the respective president.

☐ I approve ☑ I disapprove

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President's Signature

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State Nurses' Association

Thank you for your prompt response and consideration of this request.

cc: Executive Directors, State Nurses' Associations

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American Nurses' Association, Inc.
2420 Pershing Road, Kansas City, Missouri 64108
(816) 474-5720

TO: President
State Nurses' Associations

FROM: Virginia Trotter Betts, J.D., M.S.N., R.N.
Chairperson
Constituent Forum

DATE: December 15, 1987

SUBJECT: Referendum Vote on Bylaws Amendment for Biennial Meetings of the ANA House of Delegates

On December 5, 1987, the Task Force to Facilitate the Work of the ANA House of Delegates met to review the Reference Hearing process to integrate the strategic plan, its priorities, and related proposals. In the course of discussion, the task force agreed that the prioritization of strategies in the strategic plan and the brevity of the respective implementation period will lead to a complicated, inefficient process. Because the goals are prioritized in June, the implementation period is limited to the months following the house. This implementation period does not coincide with the fiscal year, resulting in either mid-year budget alterations or delay in implementation to the next year. Many organizational units delegated to implement various activities may only meet once in the period between meetings of the House of Delegates.

Based on these difficulties and the limited time frame for the Committee on Bylaws, which is scheduled to meet January 7-8, 1988, I have prepared a bylaws amendment to provide for biennial meetings of the House of Delegates. This communication has been sent to the Committee on Bylaws chairperson indicating the desire for biennial meetings and an explanation of the need for ANA members to ratify the action before the request can become official.

I am now requesting that you indicate by referendum vote whether or not you approve this action. Should your vote not come at least two years of the Committee on Bylaws chairperson and the bylaws amendment request will be withdrawn.
December 16, 1987

Juanita K. Hunter, Ed.D., R.N.
President
New York State Nurses Association
2133 Western Avenue
Guilderland, New York 12084

Dear Ms. Hunter:

I have forwarded your letter of December 4, 1987 regarding the process by which the National Commission on Nursing Implementation Project Work Group members are chosen to Vivien DeBack, Ph.D., R.N., Project Director, National Commission on Nursing Implementation Project for reply.

Thank you for your inquiry.

Sincerely,

Judith A. Ryan, Ph.D., R.N.
Executive Director

December 30, 1987

Karen A. Keithley
Coordinator
Center for Governance
American Nurses' Association
2420 Pershing Road
Kansas City, MO 64108

Dear Ms. Keithley:

The New York State Nurses Association Board of Directors has endorsed the nominations of the following members for ANA Council Executive Committee/Nominating Committee elections in 1988:

Leslie A. Brower - member at large, Council on Psychiatric and Mental Health Nursing

Sister Theresa M. Graf - vice chair, Council on Community Health Nurses

Jean B. Heady - member at large, Council of Community Health Nurses

Elizabeth M. Plummer - member at large (or vice chair, of nominating committee members), Council on Anesthesia Nursing

Necessary forms are enclosed.

We appreciate the opportunity to make these nominations.

Sincerely yours,

Martha L. Orr
Executive Director

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President

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