



COUNCIL FOR THE
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NURSING SCIENCE
BETTER HEALTH THROUGH NURSING SCIENCE

Dear Council for the Advancement of Nursing Science (CANS) Members,

On behalf of the CANS National Advisory Council, the American Academy of Nursing (Academy) Board of Directors, and staff, we want to express our sincerest compassion and support to all of you as we cope with the COVID-19 pandemic. As nurse scientists, we are grateful for your work, which is needed now more than ever.

As you know, research continues to be a priority and needs supplemental funding. Across the country, academic research centers are searching for answers to better testing, faster results, and a vaccine. Like others in the research community, the Academy supports increased funding for basic, biomedical, and behavioral science and the agencies that support this work like the National Institutes of Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the Food & Drug Administration.

The Academy [sent a letter](#) on Monday, March 23 requesting Congress quickly pass vital legislation with increased resources needed for nurses, healthcare providers, hospitals, as well as the public health and research infrastructures to combat COVID-19. As part of that request, we recommended additional resources for research infrastructures. This legislation passed the Senate on March 25th 96-0 and the House of Representatives are expected to vote today. The Academy is still processing the legislative language as there are a few places in the [text](#) for research support. We will follow up with more specific information.

The Academy and CANS continues to strengthen its partnership and work to further advance nursing science. In addition to our policy efforts, we have launched a [COVID-19 Resource Page](#) that will be updated frequently with the latest communications, information from our colleagues at other national nursing organizations, selected resources shared by our experts, and updates of the actions taken by the federal government.

We have also been promoting our messaging through interviews conducted by various national news organizations. Coverage of the reality nurses are facing matters and you may have seen that the Friends of the National Institute of Nursing Research (FNINR) is [collecting stories](#) of nurse scientists on the front line of the pandemic to shine a light on the critical role you play. Collectively, we will make a stronger impact.

Throughout all of this, the Academy takes the wellness of all CANS members seriously. We hope that each of you is taking care of yourselves during this incredibly stressful time. Please know you remain in our thoughts and that we are here to support you. The Academy thanks each of you for all that you do.

Sincerely,

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