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Dear Dr. Miyamoto:

Secretary Price has asked me to thank you for your letter regarding the nursing profession and to respond directly to you. I appreciate the input of the Nursing Community and your interest in improving care for patients, families, and communities.

The Department of Health and Human Services is committed to our mission to strengthen health care; advance scientific knowledge and innovation; advance the health, safety, and well-being of the American people; and ensure efficiency, transparency, accountability, and effectiveness of our programs. Patients served through direct health care programs supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), including access to primary care through community health centers and the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program, benefit from the expertise of nurses. In particular, Registered Nurses and Advance Practice Registered Nurses in HRSA's NURSE Corps programs serve areas of the United States where there is a shortage of health professionals.

We look forward to continuing to work with you. Please contact Commander Joel Nelson, Acting Director of the Division of Nursing and Public Health at (301) 443-1085 or JNelson3@hrsa.gov, to further discuss our shared goals.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James Macrae".

James Macrae
Acting Administrator