

November 16, 2020

Dear President-Elect Biden and Vice President-Elect Harris:

On behalf of our more than 10,000 member nurse leaders who manage and provide patient care, the American Organization for Nursing Leadership (AONL) commends you on quickly establishing the [Transition COVID-19 Advisory Board](#) and urges you to include the nursing perspective as your team prepares to address this public health crisis. Facing the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic requires the collective resources of the health care community.

As the voice for nursing leadership, AONL represents the nurses leading the transformation of health care. Our diverse membership includes nurses in all facets of patient care from the bedside, to the boardrooms of health care organizations and across the continuum. AONL welcomes the opportunity to serve as a resource for your Administration.

As the most trusted profession and largest health care workforce, nurses play a vital role in pandemic preparedness and response. Nurses are on the front lines of this crisis, providing care and comforting patients battling COVID-19. As our nation continues to experience a surge in cases and hospitalizations, including the nursing perspective is critical as your team prepares to address this crisis as well as others we may face in the future.

Thank you for your leadership. AONL looks forward to working with your Administration to tackle the urgent challenges of our nation's health care system. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact AONL's Vice President for Federal Relations and Policy Jo Ann Webb at jwebb@aha.org.

Sincerely,



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