

Appendix C

2026 NSSRN Letters



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Please complete the survey by June 1, 2026 even if you do not currently work, are retired, or now work in a field other than nursing.

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OR

**Complete and mail back your paper questionnaire
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The survey will end soon. **This is your last chance** to provide input on topics that have an impact on the daily lives of nurses like you and the patients they care for across the country.

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