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The Honorable _____
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Senator _____

I am a United States citizen and a voter asking you to co-sponsor and vote for S. 1948, the United States Cadet Nurse Corps equity Act of 2003 to grant "veteran status" to World War II United States Cadet Nurse Corps members; and also to co-sponsor and vote for Senate Concurrent Resolution 72 (S. Con. Res. 72) commemorating the 60th Anniversary of the establishment of the United States Cadet Nurse Corps and voicing the appreciation of the House of Representatives regarding the service of the members of the United State Cadet Nurse Corps during World War II.

The United States Cadet Nurse Corps was a uniformed service created by Congress during World War II as Public Law 74 to provide essential service by supplying nurses for military, federal government, and essential civilian hospitals for the duration of the war.

Cadet Nurses took and signed a Pledge and were given an ID card with a serial number. They were under Commissioned Officers USPHS Surgeon General Thomas Parran, and Lucille Petry, who served as Director for the Division of Nurse Education.

The Commissioned Corps of the U.S. Public Health Services (PHS) is an all-officer organization comprised entirely of health professionals. It is one of the seven uniformed Services of the United States. Others are the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and the Commissioned Corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

President Harry S. Truman issued Executive Order 9575 declaring, "The Commissioned Corps of the Public Health Service to be a Military Service and a Branch of Land and Naval Forces of the United States during the period of the present war." (Eff. June 28, 1945).

The Cadet Nurses wore clinical work uniforms with the Cadet Nurse insignia and wore dress uniforms. The buttons and insignia on the dress uniforms were the same as those on the USPHS Commissioned Officers' uniforms. The insignia and dress uniforms were not to be worn by any unauthorized person under the same Federal penalties provided by the Act June 3, 1916 for the unlawful wearing of the uniforms for the U.S. Army, Navy, or Marine Corps. (Public Law 248, March 4, 1944).

PLEASE RESPOND IN WRITING AND LET ME KNOW IF YOU WILL CO-SPONSOR AND VOTE FOR S. 1948 and/or S. CON. RES. 72.

Sincerely,

Name

Address

City, State Zip

