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ANA PARTICIPATES IN WHITE HOUSE HEALTHCARE SUMMIT

SILVER SPRING, MD – The American Nurses Association (ANA) was proud to represent the nursing profession at the White House Health Care Summit on Thursday, March 5th. ANA President Rebecca M. Patton, MSN, RN, CNOR sat along side lawmakers, White House staff, healthcare professionals and other stakeholders to discuss health system reform. For a complete list of attendees please click [here](#).

“It is time for bold action,” Patton remarked during one of the breakout sessions. The ANA President focused on the need for investment in the nursing workforce, and the importance of safe staffing and public reporting of staffing plans. At the closing session, Rep. Lois Capps (D-CA), a registered nurse, also emphasized the need to invest in nursing, prompting President Obama to recognize the need for nurses and nurse educators, and the vital role played by nurses in the healthcare system. To view President Obama’s comments on nursing please click [here](#).

Commenting on the day of discussion, Patton added, “Participating in the summit inspired hope that meaningful healthcare reform will occur with this new administration and Congress. I believe that working together, we will achieve quality, affordable health care for all.”

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