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WISCONSIN NURSES APPLAUD GOVERNOR EVERS AND THE STATE LEGISLATURE FOR INCLUSION OF NURSE FACULTY LOAN PROGRAM IN THE STATE BUDGET

Madison – The members of the Wisconsin Nurses Association (WNA) and the Administrators for Nursing Education in Wisconsin (ANEW) want to extend sincere thanks to Governor Evers and the Wisconsin Senate and Assembly for allocating \$5 million to support increasing the supply of nurse educators in Wisconsin.

“Wisconsin is witnessing a crisis in a shortage of nurse educators. This comes at a time when the demand for nurses is exceeding the supply. The dollars allocated in the state budget through the development of a Nurse Educator Loan Program will begin to fill this gap”, states Elizabeth Markham, RN, PhD, President of the Wisconsin Nurses Association.

Linda Young, RN, PhD, Chair of the ANEW Legislative Committee states, “as chair of the ANEW Legislative Committee and Dean of UW - Eau Claire College of Nursing and Health Sciences, I want to convey how these dollars will contribute to addressing the health needs of Wisconsin. The insight of our policymakers is appreciated as our Wisconsin nursing education institutions now have a resource for growing the supply of nurse faculty. We cannot meet the demand for nurses if we do not have the nurse educators needed for the future. The budgeted dollars will encourage those nurses wanting to pursue a career as a nurse educator to enroll and graduate faster.”

The Nurse Educator Loan Program will be housed in the Higher Education Aids Board. The program will provide fellowships for students who enroll in doctor of nursing practice, doctor of philosophy in nursing, or master of science in nursing degree programs, postdoctoral fellowships to recruit faculty for nursing programs and education loan repayment assistance.

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