



**Nurse Practitioner
Association of Canada**

**Association des
infirmières et infirmiers
praticiens du Canada**

Member of Parliament Cumberland-Colchester
Lenore Zann
House of Commons
Ottawa, Ontario
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Dear Ms. Lenore Zann,

Nurse Practitioner Association of Canada-Association des infirmières et infirmiers praticiens du Canada is seeking a champion in the House of Commons for the proclamation of national NP week.

In Canada, over 6,400 Nurse Practitioners (<https://npac-aiipc.org/>) provide care to millions of patients annually. Nurse practitioners work independently and collaboratively with other members of the healthcare team to not only provide individual patient care, but also to improve practice and community/population health. Their work is informed by evidence, best practice guidelines and research to develop, implement and evaluate care. NPs offer care in many settings and to many populations, including priority areas such as primary care, mental health, home/palliative care, and public health.

NPAC-AIIPC is the national voice representing nurse practitioners, advocating for, and reducing barriers to enable full practice authority. The association is recognized by national stakeholders and is invited to speak on health and social policy issues affecting Canadians and Nurse Practitioner practice. Our association has representation from all nursing regulatory regions of Canada.

Our goals include improving access, removing barriers, and enhancing the work of professionals providing care for Canadians. Our emphasis on health promotion and injury/illness prevention works toward the improvement of public health; our emphasis on individual experiences of health and illness recognizes uniqueness to support and respond to diversity. Together, we can contribute to these goals by improving public awareness and visibility of the Nurse Practitioners' unique and valuable role in providing high-quality health care.

As part of this work, we request proclamation of the first Nurse Practitioner week November 8 through 14, 2020. NP week will commence the second Sunday of November annually thereafter.

We look forward to representing Nurse Practitioners at federal healthcare stakeholder discussions to enhance the quality and scope of NP practice and strengthen the healthcare system for all Canadians.

As a one of your constituents, currently living in Colchester county, I would welcome the opportunity to meet with you to discuss this issue, as well as other concerns related to the COVID-19 pandemic which has challenged the health of all Canadians. I suggest your Church Street office in Truro as a possible meeting place. As president of the Association that represents all nurse practitioners in Canada, I am committed to collaborating with our government representatives to advance health care that is safe, equitable and just.

I look forward to hearing from you on this matter.

Thank you for your anticipated time and attention.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lenora Brace".

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