Dear Members:

Today, <u>(name of association)</u> is pleased to announce that, on your behalf, we have entered into a partnership arrangement with the American Health Care Association/National Center for Assisted Living Gero Nurse Prep Course. This program, specifically designed for RNs working in long-term care, provides comprehensive online training leading to national board certification in gerontological nursing.

Graduates have a 98% success rate on the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) certification exam.

Based on outcome assessment to date, facilities with RNs who complete Gero Nurse Prep and are board certified report the following benefits:

- o Improved resident satisfaction
- Lower rates of falls and other adverse events
- o RN staff with the latest clinical knowledge in geriatric care
- A more productive workforce
- o A demonstrated commitment to excellence in resident care

The Gero Nurse Prep Course supports all four core goals of the <u>AHCA/NCAL Quality Initiative</u> which prescribes that, by March 2015, long-term care facilities are expected to:

- Safely reduce hospital readmissions;
- Increase staff stability;
- Increase customer satisfaction; and
- Safely reduce the off-label use of antipsychotics.

To learn what your peers are saying about the course, click <u>here</u>.

Making an investment in RNs is an investment in better quality care for your residents. More certified nurses in (name of state) would be a significant step forward in our efforts to provide quality services to the people of our state.

Click <u>here</u> to learn more about the course and take the free course preview.

Please consider supporting one or more of your RNs to join the growing number of RNs in (<mark>name of state</mark>) who have already successfully completed this course.

Sincerely,