

## **Why I voted Yes on H.R. 1933, to modify the requirements for admission of nurses in health professional shortage areas**

I voted Yes on H.R. 1933, to modify the requirements for admission of nurses in health professional shortage areas. The bill would reauthorize the H-1C visa program for nurses for three additional years and would make a number of modifications to the H-1C program. The bill would permit a one-time, three-year extension of admission, and reduce the maximum number of such visas per year to 300. Implementing H.R. 1933 would result in no significant cost to the federal government, according to the Congressional Budget Office.

Many hospitals, especially ones that service rural areas like ours in Upstate New York, face challenges in attracting American nurses to work in them. Some hospitals have nearly closed their doors due to a lack of nurses. This bill would make it easier for hospitals in our region to attract trained nurses and continue to provide health care in our community.

The bill was approved by a vote of 407 - 17.