Petition Drive

We Did It! Petitions Delivered to Congress!


Two family members who helped collect signatures – Nadene Mitcham of Michigan and Belinda Clay of Florida – participated in the press conference. Also present was Danielle Giordano of Pennsylvania, who collected 3,000 names in her home state and coordinated the petition drive as a NCCNHR intern in 2001.

NCCNHR expresses its deep appreciation to everyone who took this campaign to heart and took time to collect signatures and send us messages about their personal experiences. Some of your messages were read by Donna Lenhoff, NCCNHR Executive Director, at the press conference and at a briefing later in the Capitol for congressional staff members. Also at this briefing, Charlene Harrington her research findings supporting NCCNHR's staffing recommendations.

Those who will be challenged with enacting staffing legislation were clearly moved by your concern.

Read Diane Menio's presentation of the petitions

Read Donna Lenhoff's remarks

See Charlene Harrington's PowerPoint presentation

See Press Release, May 9, 2002

Read Nadene Mitcham's remarks

Read Belinda Clay's comments