**Supplemental Digital Content 3**

**Nurses’ Comparative Political Astuteness, 2016 - 2018 Election Cycles**

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Percent Responding “Yes”

2016 2018

1. I know where my voting precinct is located. 81.2 69.1
2. I am aware of at least two issues discussed and the stands taken at

the convention of my nursing organization 21.0 9.6

1. I know the names of my state senators in Washington, DC. 54.1 42.2
2. I know the names of my representatives in Washington, DC. 48.9 31.3
3. I know the name of the state senator from my district. 53.3 34.9
4. I know the name of the representative from my district. 51.4 30.1
5. I am acquainted with the voting record of at least one of the above in

relation to a specific health issue. 25.9 15.7

1. I am aware of the stand taken by at least one of the above on

one current health issue. 35.6 26.5

9. I know whom to contact for information about health-related policy issues

at the state or federal level. 31.8 19.3

1. I know whether my professional organization employs lobbyists at

the state or federal level. 23.8 8.4

1. I know how to contact that lobbyist. 15.5 13.3
2. I know the process by which a bill is introduced in my state legislature. 38.4 27.7
3. I know which senators or representatives are supportive of nursing. 16.6 10.1
4. I know which House and Senate committees usually deal with

health-related issues. 18.2 8.4

1. I know the committees on which my representatives hold membership. 9.1 8.4
2. I know of at least two issues related to my profession that are currently

under discussion at the state or national level. 40.6 30.0

1. I know of at least two health-related issues that are currently under

discussion at the state or national level. 48.6 28.5

1. I am aware of the composition of the state board that regulates the practice

of my profession. 28.2 26.7

1. I know the process whereby one becomes a member of the state board

that regulates my profession. 11.9 13.3

1. I find myself more interested in public issues now than in the past. 50.0 46.7
2. I know where the local headquarters of my political party are located. 17.3 6.7