Arizona Nurses Association Calls for Resignation of LaJuana Gillette, Public Member, Arizona State Board of Nursing

[Tempe, Arizona] – [February 2020] - The Board of Directors of the Arizona Nurses Association (AzNA) is concerned about comments made by the Arizona State Board of Nursing (AZBN) Public Member, LaJuana Gillette. Her comments on social media are inflammatory, racially biased, and not appropriate for an individual in a position of public trust and responsibility.

The comments by Ms. Gillette could result in mistrust by some regulated individuals with whom the Nursing Board interacts. These persons may believe they are being treated unfairly because Ms. Gillette’s comments are insensitive and exhibit racial bias. This will not only impact public confidence in Ms. Gillette but the Board as well.

Since the Mission of AZBN is to protect and promote the welfare of the public by ensuring that each person holding a nursing license or certificate is competent to practice safely, AzNA is concerned that Ms. Gillette lacks the ability to be fair and balanced when deciding the fate of Arizona nurses who have actions taken against their license.

As a nursing organization representing the interest of nurses all over Arizona, we expect that each AZBN board member uphold themselves in a professional, dignified, respectful, ethical manner no matter their background. Ms. Gillette’s behavior is inconsistent with what is required to serve in this role.

As such, the Arizona Nurses Association requests that Ms. Gillette resign as a Public Member of the AZBN board.

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The Arizona Nurses Association (AzNA) is the premier organization representing the interests of the state’s 90,000 registered nurses. AzNA exists to advance the nursing profession and promote a healthy Arizona. AzNA is at the forefront of improving the quality of health care for all. For more information, visit www.aznurse.org.

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