

May 1, 2023

The Honorable Larry Bucshon
2313 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Robin Kelly
2329 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Bucshon and Representative Kelly:

On behalf of the undersigned organizations representing kidney patients, caregivers, and health professionals, thank you for your leadership regarding the health of the 37 million Americans affected by kidney diseases, including the approximately 90,000 adults and 1,100 children on the kidney waitlist. As you know, transplantation is the optimal therapy for most people with kidney failure. Our nation's kidney health ecosystem has made important strides in access to kidney transplant in recent years, but additional opportunities for improvement remain.

Accordingly, our organizations commend you for introducing the *Securing the U.S. Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network Act (H.R. 2544)*. Your timely, bipartisan legislation will help ensure the U.S. organ transplant network is as effective and efficient as it can possibly be in meeting the transplant care needs of Americans affected by kidney failure. The *Securing the U.S. Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network Act* aims to allow the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) to make changes that ensure that patients are optimally served, strengthening accountability, equity, and performance in the organ donation and transplantation system—goals our organizations support.

Our organizations stand ready to collaborate with you, other members of the U.S. Congress, HRSA, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and other stakeholders to inform and support the forthcoming implementation process of this vital modernization effort.

Again, thank you for your leadership. Should you have any questions or wish to discuss our organizations' interest in collaborating to ensure optimal care for kidney transplant patients and candidates, please contact Zach Kribs at zkribs@asn-online.org or Rachel Meyer at rmeyer@asn-online.org.

Sincerely,

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American Kidney Fund
American Society of Diagnostic and Interventional Nephrology
American Society of Pediatric Nephrology
American Society of Nephrology
Atlantic Dialysis Management Services
DaVita
Dialysis Patient Citizens
Evergreen Nephrology
Federation of American Scientists
Fresenius Medical Care
Home Dialyzors United
IgA Nephropathy Foundation

Kidney Care Partners
Kidney Transplant Collaborative
NephCure
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Oxalosis and Hyperoxaluria Foundation
National Kidney Foundation
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Northwest Kidney Centers
PKD Foundation
Renal Healthcare Association
Renal Pathology Society
Renal Physicians Association
Renal Support Network
The Rogosin Institute
Somatus
Transplant Recipients International Organization
Waitlist Zero

CC: The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries
The Honorable Cathy McMorris Rodgers
The Honorable Frank Pallone
The Honorable Xavier Becerra
The Honorable Carole Johnson