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## AMERICAN SOCIETY OF NEPHROLOGY PRESIDENT APPLAUDS INTRODUCTION OF IMPROVING HOME DIALYSIS ACT OF 2026 AND LEADERSHIP ON KIDNEY HEALTH POLICY

**Washington, DC (May 20, 2026)** —The American Society of Nephrology (ASN) commends Congressional Kidney Caucus Co-Chair Representative Carol Miller; House Committee on Ways and Means Chairman Smith and Ranking Member Richard Neal; and Health Subcommittee Chairman Vern Buchanan, and Ranking Member Lloyd Doggett for their ongoing leadership on behalf of the 37 million Americans living with kidney diseases.

“I applaud Representative Miller’s introduction of the Improving Home Dialysis Act of 2026, patient-centered kidney care legislation that expands options for the nearly 500,000 Americans living with kidney failure,” said ASN President Samir M. Parikh, MD, FASN. “Representative Miller’s steadfast commitment to helping people living with kidney diseases, including those with kidney failure, access better, more innovative therapies is exemplified in her introduction of this legislation.”

“I am optimistic about the momentum the House Committee on Ways and Means is creating for kidney health policy to advance in the 119<sup>th</sup> Congress,” Dr. Parikh added. “Following the Health Subcommittee’s Wednesday, March 18 hearing focused on prevention and innovation in kidney care, the Thursday, May 21, markup—which includes the Improving Home Dialysis Act of 2026—sends a clear signal that kidney health policy is primed for action on a bipartisan basis.”

Many other stakeholders in the kidney community, including ASN, have long championed improved access to home dialysis and choice in kidney replacement modality for Americans with kidney failure. “For many people, home dialysis offers greater convenience and independence, allowing them more time for work, family, and community, than dialyzing in-center—particularly for rural Americans who may otherwise have to travel long distances,” said Dr. Parikh. “Yet, we know that fewer Americans can take advantage of this option than would likely benefit from it. The Improving Access to Home Dialysis Act addresses some of the known barriers that prevent people from starting or staying at home for their dialysis care.”

According to Dr. Parikh, “Helping more Americans who wish to dialyze at home do so successfully and sustainably is a crucial step forward in improving the experience and quality of care for those with kidney failure. I look forward to ongoing bipartisan dialogue

about this bill and other opportunities to improve the lives of the people with kidney diseases for whom I, and my fellow ASN members, provide care—including advancements in prevention, earlier detection, and nutrition, as well as investments in research, innovation, and interoperability for Americans affected by kidney diseases.”

At ASN’s annual Kidney Innovation Conference on Thursday, May 21, Dr. Parikh will be addressing these, and other, themes. The Kidney Innovation Conference brings together patients, care partners, industry, policymakers, and entrepreneurs from across the kidney community and federal agencies to discuss opportunities to innovate and improve outcomes. In addition to Dr. Parikh, the Kidney Innovation Conference will feature Thomas Keane, MD, MBA, National Coordinator for Health Information Technology addressing forthcoming data standardization and interoperability work with the kidney community and the recently announced [KidneyX EMPOWER: Living Link Prize Challenge Competition](#).

*Since 1966, ASN has been leading the fight to prevent, treat, and cure kidney diseases throughout the world by educating health professionals and scientists, advancing research and innovation, communicating new knowledge and advocating for the highest quality care for patients. ASN has more than 20,000 members representing 138 countries. For more information, visit [www.asn-online.org](http://www.asn-online.org) and follow us on [Facebook](#), [X](#), [LinkedIn](#), [Instagram](#), [Threads](#), and [Bluesky](#).*

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