

Friday, February 15, 2019

The Honorable Jaime Herrera Beutler  
2352 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Herrera Beutler:

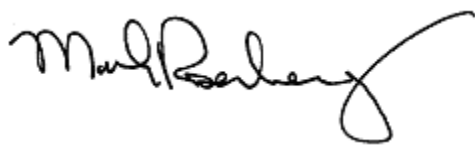
On behalf of the more than 40 million Americans living with kidney diseases, including more than 700,000 with kidney failure who must receive a kidney transplant or undergo ongoing dialysis to survive, thank you for your leadership in sponsoring the Living Donor Protection Act of 2019. The more than 20,000 physicians, scientists, nurses, and health professionals of the American Society of Nephrology (ASN) share your commitment to eliminating harmful barriers that inhibit organ donation, and we stand ready to provide new hope to the 11,000 Washingtonians with kidney failure by passing the Living Donor Protection Act of 2019.

We commend your efforts through this legislation to protect the thousands of Americans who donate organs to save the lives of family members, friends, and strangers struggling with kidney diseases. Nearly 100,000 Americans are on the waitlist to receive a kidney, including 1,500 Washingtonians, and 10 Americans will die today waiting for a kidney transplant. This timely bill will help patients receive the gift of life by eliminating barriers to living kidney donation. Moreover, by increasing transplantation rates, this legislation could save the Medicare program millions of dollars over a short period of time.

Your important legislation guarantees that living donors have access to life, disability, and long-term care insurance with full coverage and without higher premiums -- a difficulty currently experienced by 1 in 4 living donors. By removing this barrier, and codifying Family and Medical Leave Act protections for living donors to take time off work to recover from their donation surgeries, your important legislation will likely help countless Americans receive the gift of life.

We stand ready to help you and your staff in any way necessary to pass this legislation and enact these important changes into law. Again, thank you for your leadership and commitment to the 11,000 Washingtonians with kidney failure and to the millions of Americans with kidney diseases.

Sincerely,



Mark E. Rosenberg, MD, FASN  
President

Friday, February 15, 2019

The Honorable Jerrold Nadler,  
2132 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Nadler,

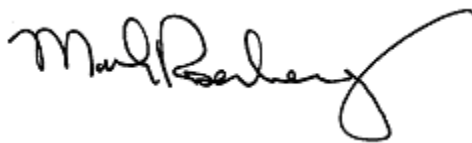
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We commend your efforts through this legislation to protect the thousands of Americans who donate organs to save the lives of family members, friends, and strangers struggling with kidney diseases. Nearly 100,000 Americans are on the waitlist to receive a kidney, including nearly 8,000 New Yorkers, and 10 Americans will die today waiting for a kidney transplant. This timely bill will help patients receive the gift of life by eliminating barriers to living kidney donation. Moreover, by increasing transplantation rates, this legislation could save the Medicare program millions of dollars over a short period of time.

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Friday, February 15, 2019

The Honorable Kirsten Gillibrand,  
478 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Gillibrand:

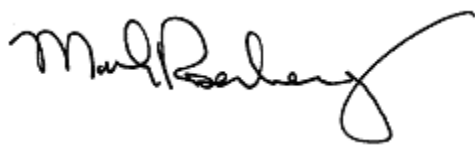
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Mark E. Rosenberg, MD, FASN  
President

Friday, February 15, 2019

The Honorable Tom Cotton  
124 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Cotton:

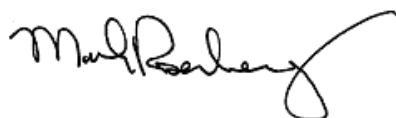
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We commend your efforts through this legislation to protect the thousands of Americans who donate organs to save the lives of family members, friends, and strangers struggling with kidney diseases. Nearly 100,000 Americans are on the waitlist to receive a kidney, including 200 Arkansans, and 10 Americans will die today waiting for a kidney transplant. This timely bill will help patients receive the gift of life by eliminating barriers to living kidney donation. Moreover, by increasing transplantation rates, this legislation could save the Medicare program millions of dollars over a short period of time.

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