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Minority Leader Chuck Schumer
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Speaker of the House Mike Johnson
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Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries
2267 Rayburn House Office Building
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RE: Pass the Living Donor Protection Act (S. 1552/H.R. 4582/4583) in the 119th Congress

Dear Leader Thune, Speaker Johnson, Leader Schumer, and Leader Jeffries:

The undersigned patient, health professionals, insurance, and transplant organizations strongly urge you to include the *Living Donor Protection Act (LDPA)* in any **year-end package of the 119th Congress.**

With over 100,000 on the waitlist for a lifesaving kidney or liver transplant, this bipartisan, cost-neutral, and broadly supported legislation represents a meaningful consensus among patient and organ donor advocacy organizations, the private insurance industry, and transplant providers on a significant step to promoting living organ donation by enshrining key employment and insurance protections for living donors. Notably, the bill:

- **Supports better patient outcomes.** Living organ donation consistently provides the best clinical outcomes for patients with end-stage organ failure, such as kidney or liver disease, compared to deceased donor transplants.
- **Builds on broad stakeholder support.** The 119th Congress version of the bill currently has 169 House and 51 Senate cosponsors.
- **Continues congressional momentum.** The bill advanced out of the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP) Committee with strong bipartisan support in February 2026.
- **Establishes a national standard.** 39 states and D.C. have similar protections, but a patchwork leaves gaps.
- **Promotes cost-efficiency.** This congress, the bill received estimates on a preliminary basis from the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) and the Joint Committee on Taxation (JCT) that it would not impact direct spending or revenues.

Organ transplantation is the gold standard treatment for people with kidney failure or end-stage liver disease, and living donation offers the best clinical outcomes. Yet donors can face barriers after they give. Some donors are denied coverage or charged more for disability, life, or long-term care insurance, and many fear their employers will not protect time to recover. The *LDPA* prohibits insurance discrimination against living donors and codifies that donors can use Family and Medical Leave Act leave, and it signals that the

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federal government respects and supports the gift of life. Removing these barriers means more donors, more transplants, and more lives saved.

Please include the *LDPA* in any year-end package before the end of the 119th Congress. We appreciate your timely attention to this urgent community priority. Please contact any of the undersigned organizations with any questions. Thank you for your leadership.

Sincerely,

American Association of Kidney Patients
American Council of Life Insurers
American Kidney Fund
American Society of Nephrology
American Society of Pediatric Nephrology
American Society of Transplant Surgeons
National Kidney Foundation
NephCure
Nonprofit Kidney Care Alliance
PKD Foundation
Renal Physicians Association

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