

August 1, 2014

Hon. John Lewis (GA-5)  
343 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Lewis,

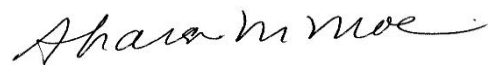
On behalf of the American Society of Nephrology's (ASN) nearly 15,000 physicians, scientists, nurses, and other health professionals, thank you for your leadership on the Kidney Caucus and for your dedication in introducing the Chronic Kidney Disease Improvement in Research and Treatment Act (HR 4814). ASN strongly supports this legislation and is committed to working with you, introducing cosponsor Rep. Tom Marino (PA-10), and the entire kidney community to advocating for passage of this important legislation.

In particular, ASN commends the legislation's proposed investments in kidney research, improvements to our understanding of kidney failure in minority populations, expansion of access to kidney disease education, and solutions to alleviate the nephrology workforce crisis.

Since you and Rep. Marino introduced this legislation in June 2014, ASN and others in the kidney community have been advocating in support of the bill on Capitol Hill, highlighting how the more than 20 million Americans who have kidney disease and the nearly 600,000 who rely on dialysis stand to benefit from the provisions in this bill.

ASN stands ready to help you and your staff in any way necessary in order to get this bill on the President's desk. Again, thank you for your leadership and commitment to the kidney community.

Sincerely,



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President