

# Co-Sponsor the Living Donor Act H.R. 1270

Promoting organ donation and protecting the rights of living organ donors

## The Need is Now: End the Nation's Organ Shortage



### EVERY 15 MINUTES

a patient is added to the kidney wait list



### 10 AMERICANS DIE

every day waiting for a kidney transplant



### NEARLY 100,000

Americans are on the transplant wait list this year

## The Living Donor Protection Act: Eliminating Barriers to Transplantation

### Protects Donors

Ensures donors are not denied or given limited coverage or higher premiums for life, disability, and long-term care plans.

### 27% OF LIVING ORGAN

donors experience difficulty securing or paying for insurance.<sup>1</sup>

### Secures Employment

Allows living organ donors to use FMLA time to recover from donation surgery and maintain job security.

**UP TO 4 WEEKS** before donors typically return to work.

## Transplantation is Cost Effective for Medicare

**\$34,084 PER** transplant patient per year **VS. \$88,195 PER** hemodialysis patient per year



Over 10 years, Medicare could save **\$250MIL–\$780MIL** by increasing living donation by 10%<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Work cited: Boyarsky, B. J., Massie, A. B., Alejo, J. L., Van Arendonk, K. J., Wildonger, S., Garonzik-Wang, J. M., Montgomery, R. A., Deshpande, N. A., Muzaale, A. D. and Segev, D. L. (2014), Experiences Obtaining Insurance After Live Kidney Donation. American Journal of Transplantation, 14: 2168–2172. doi:10.1111/ajt.12819

<sup>2</sup> Estimated savings are from keeping privately insured patients off of Medicare and do not reflect cost differences among patients already on Medicare. Estimated range assumes 45% of new transplant recipients are privately insured. Low estimate reflects Medicare expenditures for dialysis care only; high estimate reflects Medicare expenditures for average dialysis patients' total cost of care.