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Hon. Michael C. Burgess (TX-26)  
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Washington, DC 20515

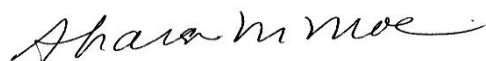
Dear Congressman Burgess,

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 and dedication in introducing the Living Organ Donor Protection Act (H.R. 5263). ASN strongly supports this legislation and is committed to working with you, original cosponsor Rep. Jerrold Nadler (NY-10), and the entire kidney and transplant community in advocating for passage of this important legislation.

In particular, ASN commends the legislation's proposal for protecting the thousands of Americans that donate organs to save the lives of family members, friends, and strangers struggling with kidney disease. As you know, this bill prohibits life, disability, and long term care insurance companies from denying or limiting coverage and from charging higher premiums for living organ donors. It would allow living organ donors the opportunity to use FMLA time to recover from the surgeries, and directs HHS to update their materials on live organ donation to reflect these new protections and encourage more individuals to consider donating an organ.

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 and transplant community.

Sincerely,



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