

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

March 27, 2026

The Honorable Robert Aderholt
Chairman
House Committee on Appropriations Subcommittee on
Labor, HHS, Education, and Related Agencies
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations Subcommittee on
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Dear Chairman Aderholt and Ranking Member DeLauro:

As you prepare the Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies (LHHS) Appropriations bill, we respectfully request that you renew the bipartisan commitment to improving the health of millions of Americans living with kidney diseases by including \$25 million for KidneyX. This investment would build upon the success of prior KidneyX prize competitions and continue to accelerate the development of the novel technologies in an under-invested sector.

More than 37 million Americans live with kidney diseases. Within that group, more than 800,000 people live with kidney failure, for which there is no cure. The only treatments are dialysis or kidney transplant. Most Americans starting dialysis will die within five years. Though some are lucky enough to receive a transplant, more than 10 Americans die every day waiting for a kidney to become available to them. Moreover, 90% of affected Americans are unaware they have kidney diseases, underscoring the need to improve prevention and diagnostic capabilities. Additionally, Black, Hispanic, Asian, and Native American populations are more likely to experience kidney failure, be on dialysis, struggle to find a suitable transplant, and have worse kidney function when dialysis or transplant care is initiated.

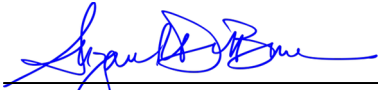
Developing innovative technologies to prevent, diagnose, and treat kidney diseases is critical to address their high cost to Medicare and the American taxpayer. Medicare spends over \$140 billion annually on patients with kidney diseases. Managing kidney failure alone accounts for over \$55 billion of Medicare spending each year, representing 6% of Medicare's budget on 1% of the Medicare population.

KidneyX is a public-private partnership between the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the American Society of Nephrology (ASN) tasked with accelerating innovation in the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of kidney diseases. To date, KidneyX has awarded at least 75 innovator prizes in 23 states and 46 congressional districts across six prize competitions for their novel innovations, including the artificial kidney and xenotransplant.

Congress has regularly demonstrated its commitment to KidneyX by appropriating \$5 million for the program since FY 2020. Private stakeholders have fully matched that funding by providing an additional \$25 million. Since the launch of KidneyX in 2018, the program has also catalyzed at least \$400 million in capital from private and philanthropic sources toward kidney innovation. For KidneyX to continue accelerating kidney health innovation, financial investment must increase. KidneyX could expand the number of innovators it supports, coordinate and catalyze investment, and accelerate the development of transformative technologies across prevention, diagnosis, and treatment. Therefore, we respectfully request that you provide \$25 million for KidneyX and report language urging HHS to continue support improved prevention, diagnostics, and other therapeutic advancements through KidneyX under the authority of the Stevenson-Wydler Technology Act to better address this prevalent chronic condition.

Thank you for your consideration.

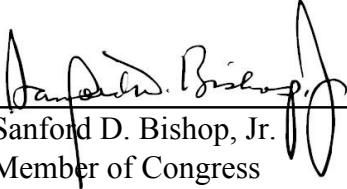
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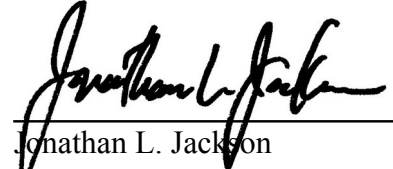
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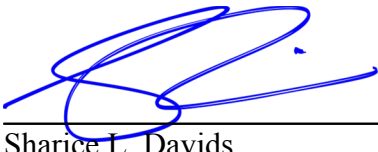
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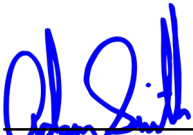
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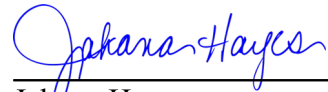
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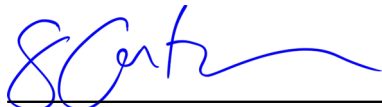
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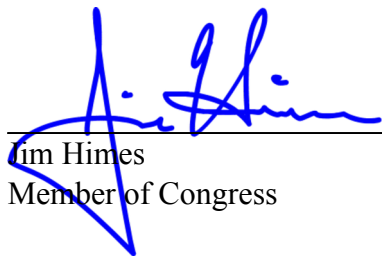
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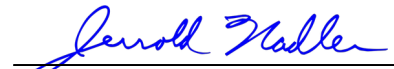
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