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October 20, 2022

The Honorable Robert Menendez  
528 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable William Cassidy  
520 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

RE: Endorsement of S. 4750, The Restore Protections for Dialysis Patients Act

Dear Senator Menendez and Senator Cassidy:

The Renal Physicians Association (RPA) is the professional organization of nephrologists whose goals are to ensure optimal care under the highest standards of medical practice for patients with kidney disease and related disorders. RPA acts as the national representative for physicians engaged in the study and management of patients with kidney disease.

RPA commends your leadership in protecting the care provided to dialysis patients in the U.S. as demonstrated by your introduction of S. 4750, The Restore Protections for Dialysis Patients Act. We are deeply concerned that one likely impact of the decision by the Supreme Court in June 2022 to remove Medicare Secondary Payer (MSP) protections for the insurance coverage of dialysis patients will be mushrooming out of pocket expenses for Medicare patients receiving dialysis care, thus hastening their transition from their employer insurance plans to full Medicare coverage. Long-term nephrologist-patient relationships and dialysis patient access to care will be compromised. Further, if left unchanged the current status quo will not only significantly increase federal expenditures on dialysis care, but will also threaten the family coverage of those dialysis patients whose coverage is the primary insurance for their families. RPA fully endorses the Restore Protections for Dialysis Patients Act, and we will take all necessary steps to advance its enactment.

As always, RPA welcomes the opportunity to work collaboratively with Congress in its efforts to maintain and improve the quality of care provided to the nation's kidney patients, and we stand ready as a resource to your offices in its future work on the Restore Protections for Dialysis Patients Act. Any questions or comments

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Sincerely,

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The Honorable Earl "Buddy" Carter  
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RE: Endorsement of H.R. 8594, The Restore Protections for Dialysis Patients Act

Dear Representatives Clark, Arrington, Davis, and Carter:

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