

February 27, 2026

The Honorable Bill Cassidy, MD  
Chairman, Senate Committee on Health,  
Education, Labor, and Pensions  
455 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Bernard Sanders  
Ranking Member, Senate Committee on Health  
Education, Labor and Pensions  
332 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

RE: Senate HELP Committee Markup of S. 1552, the Living Donor Protection Act

Dear Chairman Cassidy and Ranking Member Sanders,

On behalf of the 21 undersigned organizations, we write to express our sincere gratitude to you and the members of the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee for advancing the Living Donor Protection Act (S. 1552) through markup. This is a historic milestone — the furthest this legislation has progressed since it was first introduced — and it reflects the Committee's commitment to protecting those who selflessly step forward to save the lives of others.

Living donors face real and documented barriers to donation, including the risk of losing access to life, disability, and long-term care insurance, and uncertainty about whether the Family and Medical Leave Act covers their recovery. The Living Donor Protection Act directly addresses these concerns, and today's vote sends a powerful signal to prospective donors across the country that Congress recognizes and values their generosity.

With more than 90,000 Americans currently waiting for a kidney transplant alone, the need for action has never been greater. We look forward to continuing to work with you and your colleagues to advance this bipartisan legislation to a full Senate vote and final passage this Congress. Thank you again for your leadership on this critical issue.

Respectfully,

Alport Syndrome Foundation  
American Association for the Study of Liver  
Diseases  
American Kidney Fund  
American Liver Foundation  
American Nephrology Nurses Association  
American Society of Nephrology  
American Society of Pediatric Nephrology  
Children's Organ Transplant Association  
Dialysis Patient Citizens  
DOVE (Donor Outreach for Veterans)  
IGA Nephropathy Foundation

Kidney Transplant Collaborative  
National Kidney Foundation  
NephCure  
Nonprofit Kidney Care Alliance  
North American Transplant Coordinators  
Organization  
PKD Foundation  
Renal Physicians Association  
Renal Support Network  
Society for Transplant Social Workers  
Transplant Recipients International Organization  
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CC: Senate Majority Leader John Thune  
Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer