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The Honorable Robert Wittman  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2055 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Wittman:

On behalf of the American Nephrology Nurses' Association (ANNA), I would like to thank you for introducing the *Organ Donation Referral Improvement Act*. ANNA is proud to endorse this legislation, and we appreciate your leadership on such an important issue.

ANNA is a nonprofit organization with a membership of approximately 7,000 registered nurses and other healthcare professionals at all levels of practice. ANNA members work in settings such as chronic kidney disease management, peritoneal dialysis, hemodialysis, continuous renal replacement therapy, transplantation, and government and regulatory agencies.

The *Organ Donation Referral Improvement Act* is a commonsense measure that seeks to better leverage the data hospitals already have in electronic medical records. By producing a comprehensive study on the identification of potential organ donors via electronic health records, hospitals across the country will be able to identify donors more effectively and more quickly in the near future. Electronic automated referrals are a promising method of improving organ donation rates and, by extension, saving lives. ANNA is hopeful that this study will provide clear guidance on how best to implement automated referrals.

ANNA stands ready to work with you and your colleagues to ensure this bill becomes law. If we can be of any assistance on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me or ANNA's Washington representative, Jim Twaddell ([jtwaddell@venable.com](mailto:jtwaddell@venable.com)).

Sincerely,

Nancy Colobong Smith, MN, ANP-BC, CNN  
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