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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Michele Kimball The Honorable Tim Kaine U.S. Senate 231 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510 The Honorable Debbie Dingell U.S. House of Representatives 102 Cannon House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Dear Senator Kaine and Representative Dingell:

On behalf of the American Nephrology Nurses Association (ANNA), I would like to thank you both for introducing the *Dr. Lorna Breen Health Care Provider Protection Reauthorization 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 *Dr. Lorna Breen Health Care Provider Protection Reauthorization Act* is a critical bill that reauthorizes the groundbreaking 2022 legislation for five more years. Dr. Lorna Breen tragically died by suicide after serving on the frontlines during the COVID-19 pandemic. This legislation honors her legacy by funding mental health programs for health care professionals – ensuring that our brave workers feel supported, especially during their most challenging moments. *The Dr. Lorna Breen Health Care Provider Protection Act* has issued out over \$100 million in support of mental health for thousands of health care workers across the entire country, and its reauthorization will help even more.

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 (jwtwaddell@venable.com).

Sincerely,

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