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 (TRIO)

CC: Senate Majority Leader John Thune
Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer