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Dear Senators Wyden and Grassley, and Representatives Bucshon and Kelly:

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On behalf of the American Nephrology Nurses Association (ANNA), I would like to thank you for introducing the *Securing the U.S. Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network Act*. ANNA supports this legislation, and we thank you for your leadership on such an important issue.

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ANNA is a nonprofit organization with a membership of nearly 7,000 registered nurses and other health care 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, industry, and government/regulatory agencies.

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Each year, approximately 9,000 patients leave the waitlist due to worsening health or death. A report from the United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS), the sole contractor managing the OPTN, found that in 2022, 25% of deceased donor kidneys are wasted due to poor preservation and other logistical mishaps. The *Securing the U.S. Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network Act* will improve outcomes for individuals awaiting an organ transplant, especially patients afflicted with kidney failure who comprise more than 80% of those on the organ transplantation waiting list.

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Please consider ANNA as a resource to you on this bill or any other health policy issue. If you have any questions, please contact ANNA's Washington, D.C. representative, Jim Twaddell (jtwaddell@venable.com or 703-447-6365). Again, thank you for your commitment to reforming the organ procurement and transplantation system.

Sincerely,