



# Kidney Care Access COALITION

## **Kidney Care Access Coalition Applauds Introduction of Bipartisan *Restore Protections for Dialysis Patients Act***

**WASHINGTON, DC – Today, the Kidney Care Access Coalition – a coalition of kidney care and patient advocacy organizations – released the following statement applauding the introduction of H.R. 6860, the *Restore Protections for Dialysis Patients Act*, which was introduced on a bipartisan basis by Reps. Mike Kelly (R-PA), Yvette Clark (D-NY), Neal Dunn (R-FL), Danny Davis (D-IL), John Joyce (R-PA), and Raul Ruiz (D-CA):**

“We thank Reps. Kelly, Clarke, Davis, Dunn, Joyce, and Ruiz for the introduction of this important bill that will restore long-standing protections for people with kidney failure and their families. When individuals are diagnosed with End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD), it dramatically changes their lives, and dialysis becomes a life-sustaining treatment they must seek – three times a week for three to four hours a session, in addition to juggling work, family, and other responsibilities. It is incredibly difficult, and we strongly believe public policy should not make life any harder for these individuals, many of whom are from historically marginalized communities and who have co-occurring chronic health conditions.

“Unfortunately, the Supreme Court decision in June 2022 has allowed employer group health plans to target dialysis patients by carving out the kidney care services they need to survive, thereby forcing them off their coverage – impacting not just patients, but their families as well. It’s unacceptable, and we believe it sets a dangerous precedent that not only harms patients, but also Medicare. We applaud the leadership of Reps. Kelly, Clarke, Dunn, Davis, Joyce, and Ruiz, and we thank them for their bipartisan commitment to ensuring patients have choice in their coverage and that group health plans cannot discriminate against ESRD patients and their families. We hope that the House will swiftly take up this legislation and bring it to the Floor for a vote.”

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