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HRSA Division of Transplantation Team,

Collectively, the [Coalition to Promote Living Kidney Donation](#), Donate Life America, the American Society of Transplantation, the National Kidney Foundation[, and the American Society of Transplant Surgeons] respectfully request that HRSA hold a stakeholder meeting between mid-June and mid-July to discuss living kidney donation policy. A draft agenda of the issues that we'd like to be covered during the meeting along with its general structure is attached below.

We believe this stakeholder meeting will provide a much-needed forum for discussion on this critical and timely issue. Unfortunately, 2014 had the distinction of having the lowest number of living kidney donors since the year 2000. In that year, about 50K people were waiting for a transplant; now 100K are, implying that access to living donor transplantation has declined dramatically for those on the list. At the same time, new and more authoritative safety data about living kidney donation has recently been published, prompting an opportunity to reevaluate living donor policy as well as a need to disseminate updated information and best practices throughout the field.

Clearly, HRSA has played a strong and valuable role to date in the living donation space. In particular, it has helped develop the National Living Donor Assistance Center, fostered UNOS's kidney paired donation program, and pushed for increased follow-up care and study for living kidney donors. We appreciate HRSA's support of living donation and therefore hope that this meeting will be the beginning of an ongoing collaboration between our community and the federal government on living kidney donation. We additionally hope that other interested federal agencies will attend and learn more about HRSA's leading role on this important topic.

Please let us know when you might be able to host such a meeting along with suggestions concerning the attached agenda. We are happy to discuss meeting logistics over the phone in the next week or so if that would be helpful.

We appreciate HRSA's good work in the organ donation field and look forward to this opportunity to promote excellent living kidney donation policy.

Sincerely,

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