

May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023

The Honorable Julie Rogers, Chairwoman  
Members of the House Health Policy Committee  
Michigan House of Representatives  
PO Box 30014  
Lansing, MI 48909-7514

**RE: HB 4361 (Brabec) – SUPPORT**

Dear Chairwoman and members of the Committee:

On behalf of all the people we serve in Michigan, including the 23,931 residents currently living with kidney failure, we are writing to **respectfully request that you support HB 4361. This important bill would provide an up to \$5,000 state tax credit for live organ donation expenses.**

The American Kidney Fund (AKF) is the nation's leading nonprofit organization working on behalf of the 37 million Americans living with kidney disease, and the millions more at risk, with an unmatched scope of programs that support people wherever they are in their fight against kidney disease, from prevention through transplant. With programs that address early detection, disease management, financial assistance, clinical research, innovation and advocacy, no kidney organization impacts more lives than AKF.

Living donation offers an alternative for individuals awaiting transplantation from a deceased donor and increases the existing organ supply. Over 6,000 living-donor transplants were performed last year in the United States. Kidneys are the most common organ transplanted from living donors, followed by liver and lung. Both living and deceased donation offer hope to nearly 110,000 people waiting for an organ transplant right now—including more than 95,000 who are waiting for a kidney transplant. In addition to transforming the life of the kidney patient, a transplant is a boon to society. The cost of a transplant is lower than long-term kidney dialysis, and it gives the transplant recipient a greater ability to remain in or return to the workforce.

We believe that providing incentives and removing financial burdens for living donors can lead to an increase in organ donations. For these reasons, **we are hopeful for your support this legislation that could help improve the lives of those fighting kidney disease.**

Thank you again for your leadership and for your consideration of this important issue.

Sincerely,

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