



Gifted my kidney  
to a stranger.  
Ask me →  
Anything.



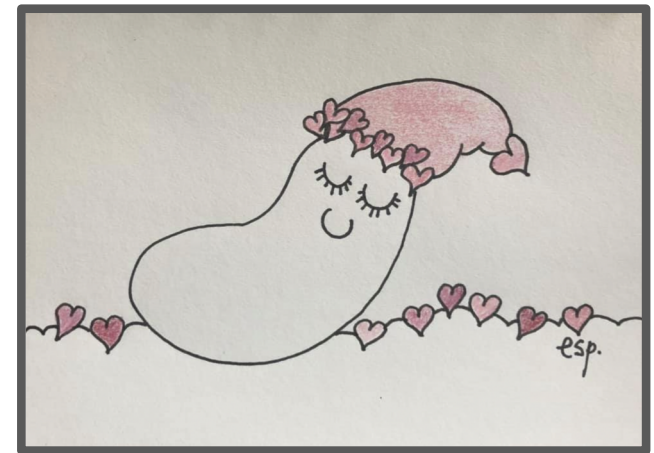


**Honor Our Living Donors Act  
(HOLD Act)  
&  
The End Kidney Deaths Act**

# The HOLD Act

The HOLD Act is HR 6020. This will make the federal low income donor reimbursement system check donor and not recipient income.

The End Kidney Deaths Act (H.R. 9275) is a ten-year pilot program that will provide for every American nondirected donor who donates to a kidney to a stranger on the kidney waitlist a refundable tax credit of \$10,000 each year for five years, \$50,000 total. We estimate that by the tenth year, up to 100,000 Americans will have kidneys from healthy, willing and incentivized strangers and taxpayers will have saved up to \$37 billion.



## Annual Costs per Patient over 10 Years

Year	No Transplant (dialysis cost)	With Transplant		Savings from Transplant
		Transplant	Immuno- suppressants	
2024	\$90,000	\$133,000	\$25,000	\$-68,000
2025	\$90,000	\$0	\$25,000	\$65,000
2026	\$90,000	\$0	\$25,000	\$65,000
2027	\$90,000	\$0	\$25,000	\$65,000
2028	\$90,000	\$0	\$25,000	\$65,000
2029	\$90,000	\$0	\$25,000	\$65,000
2030	\$90,000	\$0	\$25,000	\$65,000
2031	\$90,000	\$0	\$25,000	\$65,000
2032	\$90,000	\$0	\$25,000	\$65,000
2033	\$90,000	\$0	\$25,000	\$65,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$900,000</b>	<b>\$133,000</b>	<b>\$250,000</b>	<b>\$517,000</b>

The question is do we want the preventable deaths to continue (half the people on the waitlist die before receiving a kidney) or do we want those who donate kidneys to strangers to be rewarded for their generosity and heroism?



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**You Only Need ONE.**

**One kidney from  
one donor for  
one life saved.**

**So let's pass  
one law.**

**Let's pass the End Kidney Deaths Act.**

Between 2010 and 2021, an 11 year span,

100,000 Americans - 24 each day - who joined the waitlist healthy enough to receive a life-saving kidney transplant died while waiting.

The waiting time killed them.

Most of the transplant world counts only those who die directly on the kidney waitlist (12 each day), and does not include those who are removed due to declining health and die without receiving a kidney transplant.

Also not included in these numbers are those who could benefit from a transplant but are never added to the waitlist due to multiple reasons.

Each year, about 47,000 - 128 each day - people die prematurely due to the kidney shortage.

Our aim is to live in a country where no American will die in the next decade while waiting for a kidney.

100,000 Americans (as many as fit in the largest football stadiums) will certainly die from preventable deaths without the passage of the End Kidney Deaths Act in the next decade.



# End Kidney Deaths Act Status

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H.R. 9275, End Kidney Deaths Act, will provide a \$50,000 refundable tax credit to living kidney donors who donate kidneys to strangers, significantly increasing the supply of living kidney transplants. This legislation will be the first step in saving American lives, money for taxpayers, and decreasing the need for dialysis. I am honored to join [@RepMalliotakis](#) on this bipartisan legislation.

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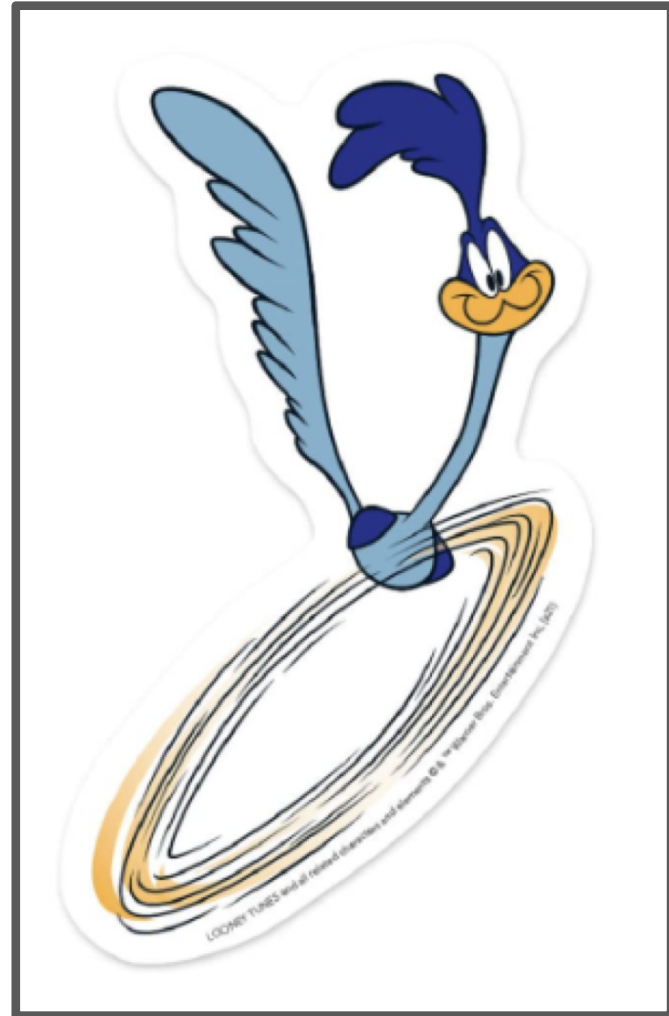
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## Meetings so far?

288 House  
Representatives  
92 Senators  
= 380 or 71% of all  
Congressional  
leaders





Among the California  
Representatives,  
we have not yet met  
with:

- Kiley
- McClintock
- Bera
- Sherman
- Sanchez
- Gomez
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- Kamlager-Dove
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Kidney donation is time-consuming, painful and stressful work

# Vox: The moral case for paying kidney donors

By Dylan Matthews

Compensation has been banned ever since the National Organ Transplant Act of 1984.

Admitting we've made a mistake for 40 years and counting is hard.

Each year, [about 47,000 people die prematurely](#) due to the kidney shortage.

Over 40 years, the death toll reaches into the millions.

Failing to pay donors has killed a whole lot of people.

## **3 bad arguments against paying kidney donors**

## **1) Kidney donation is too dangerous to pay people to do**

A [just-released study](#) found that the donor's risk of death in the actual surgery, which was already very low, has dropped by two-thirds over the past decade.

Loggers' death rate is 10 times larger than the one-time risk of kidney donation. Roofers, fishers, and truck drivers all had annual death rates at least twice as high as the risk of death from kidney donation.

But no one would credibly argue for banning the practice of roofing because it's too dangerous. Why should that argument work for kidneys?

## **2) Kidney donation exploits or coerces the poor:**

Offering money to donate will disproportionately push poor people to become donors and that this constitutes exploitation because they would not have donated without compensation, and thus are donating in part because of their own financial deprivation.

The Oxford philosopher Janet Radcliffe Richards notes, “It applies to just about all paid work. Unless you would do your job for no payment ... anyone who employed you or bought what you offered for sale would in this sense be exploiting you.”

It would be silly to draw the conclusion that wage labor should be banned and that workers should not be allowed to be paid.

Coercion means using threats or force to limit a person’s options so they do what you want. Paying for kidney donation expands options, rather than limiting them.

## **Compensation, will this “harm the poorest and most vulnerable?”**

1. Low-income people suffer most from the kidney shortage. The most important thing we can do for low-income Americans is increase the number of donations.
2. The current system makes it prohibitively expensive for low-income people who want to become kidney donors. For someone living paycheck to paycheck, making donation cost-neutral is simply not enough given how disruptive donation is to work. The End Kidney Deaths Act is the only bill that actually levels the playing field.
3. The concern that low-income people will donate their kidney against their better judgment if there is a tax credit is unscientific, paternalistic, and ignorant of the actual mechanisms of the End Kidney Deaths Act.

### **3) We'll get fewer kidney donations if donors are compensated because it will no longer feel altruistic:**

In a shocking twist, paying people for their work results in more work being done. A recent survey conducted by the National Kidney Donation Organization (which represents living kidney donors) of 288 of its members, shared privately with Vox, found that 97.9 percent said they would've been as likely or even likelier to donate had they gotten a tax credit.

There's no other area of human life where we assume that monetary incentives are actively counterproductive. We do not worry that paying salaries to doctors and nurses will "crowd out" their altruistic reasons for working in health care, or that letting firefighters accept wages "crowds out" their natural desire to save people from burning buildings.

The correct response to "people donate more blood when they're paid to donate blood" is "well, duh." And the correct expectation to have about paying people to donate kidneys is that they'll donate more kidneys.



Compensating donors is  
favored by the majority of  
American voters +  
the medical community

# American voters?

**2006** - Public Attitudes Toward Incentives for Organ Donation: A National Study of Different Racial/Ethnic and Income Groups

**2012** - **Reuters Poll:** Americans Show Support For Compensation Of Organ Donors

**2016** - **JAMA Surgery;** Most US Voters Approve of Paying Kidney Donors, Survey Finds

**2019** - **Johns Hopkins Study** Most Americans favor compensation for kidney donors if it leads to more saved lives

# The Medical Community?

Removing Disincentives and Studying the Use of Incentives to Increase the National Organ Donor Pool

Our AMA supports well-designed studies investigating the use of incentives, including valuable considerations, to increase living and deceased organ donation rates.

Our AMA will seek legislation necessary to remove legal barriers to research investigating the use of incentives, including valuable considerations, to increase rates of living and deceased organ donation.

98% of donors surveyed are in favor of donor compensation.

**Supporters Include:**

[Heartfelt Help Foundation](#)

[Kidney Donor Athletes](#)

[Kidneys for Kids](#)

[Living Kidney Donors Network](#)

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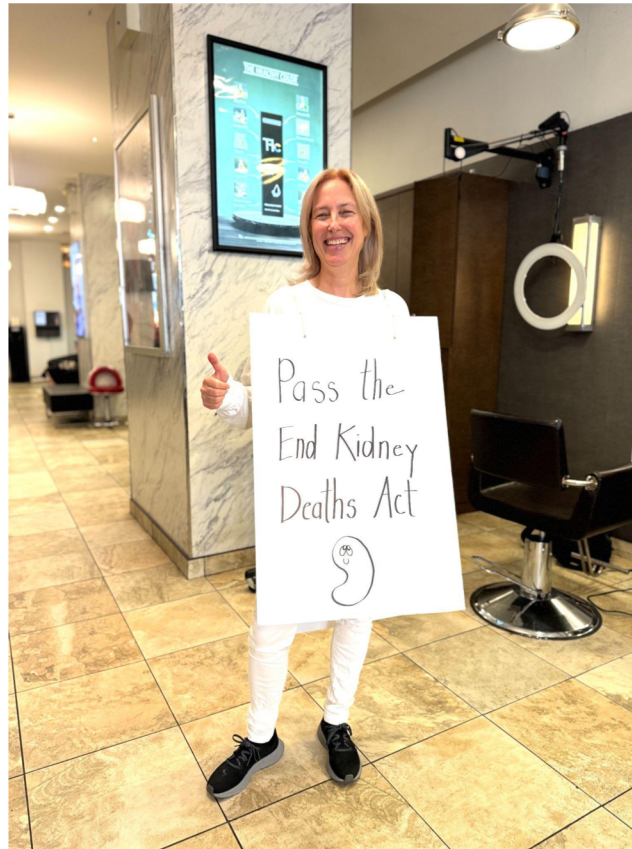
[Transplant Support Organization](#)

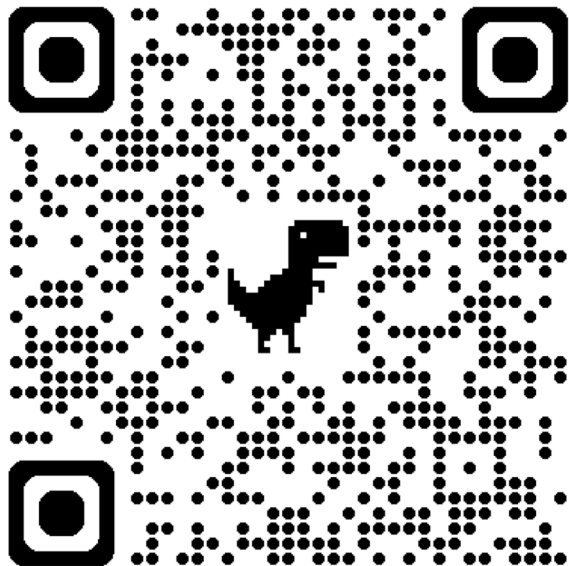
[Waitlist Zero](#)

## Opposition from 5 Organizations

- American Association of Kidney Patients (AAKP)
- American Kidney Fund (AKF)
- American Society of Transplantation
- American Society of Transplant Surgeons (ASTS)
- National Kidney Foundation

# Open offer to have a public debate



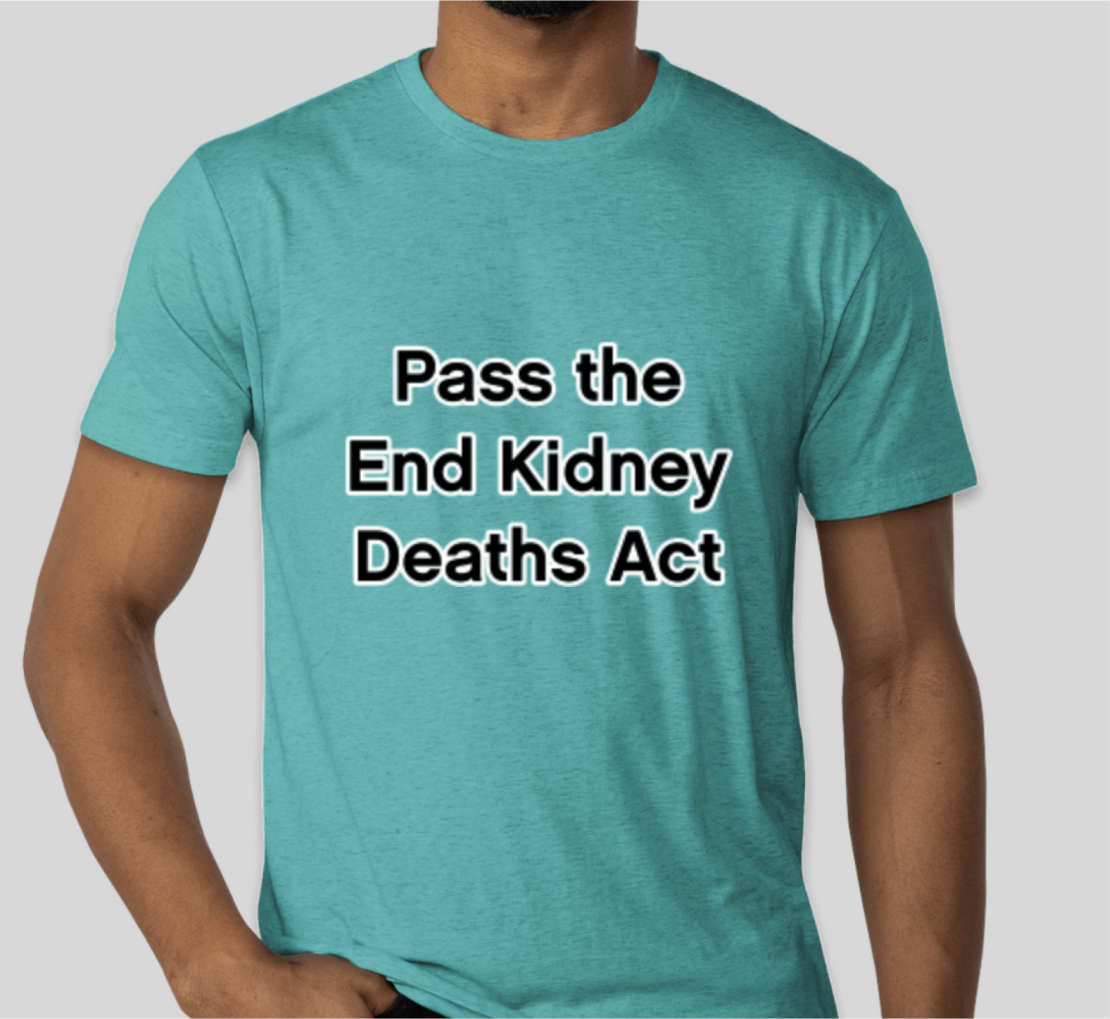


**Let's Pass the End Kidney Deaths  
Act in 2024!**

1. Use this QR code to contact your Congressional leaders and let them know you want them to vote YES on the life & tax saving End Kidney Deaths Act.
2. Click on "Edit and Send Email."
3. Fill out your Home Address.
4. Click "Submit"  
Go to [EndKidneyDeaths.org](https://EndKidneyDeaths.org)  
to join our Team!  
Let's pass this life & tax saving  
legislation in 2024!



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