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I recently underwent in-depth medical examinations to become a living kidney donor. Unfortunately, my chosen transplant center deemed donation too risky to my future health did not allow me to proceed with donation. However, as a member of the National Kidney Donation Organization, and in light of the overwhelming need for donor kidneys, I feel strongly that living donation should be encouraged and supported at a federal level in the U.S.

To that end, I would like to express support for the new data collection proposal for the OPTN. The proposed outcomes of Identifying and addressing disparities in transplant access, Improving monitoring of organ procurement and transplant center practices, and Increasing transparency in organ referral, evaluation, and matching processes are all goals that are in alignment with the vision of NKDO and living donors & recipients for the transplant system in the United States. It is my hope that processes and systems at the national level will continue to be evaluated and improved for the benefit of all organ donors and recipients.

Sincerely,  
Gregory M. Nordstrom

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