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The Honorable Danny Davis
2159 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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Dear Representative Davis,

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On behalf of the American Nephrology Nurses Association (ANNA), I would like to thank you for introducing the *Integrating Social Workers Across Health Care Settings Act*. ANNA supports this legislation, and we thank you for your leadership on such an important issue.

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ANNA is a nonprofit organization with a membership of more than 6,000 registered nurses and other health care professionals at all levels of practice. ANNA members work in settings such as chronic kidney disease management, peritoneal dialysis, hemodialysis, continuous renal replacement therapy, transplantation, industry, and government/regulatory agencies.

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Clinical social workers (CSWs) are indispensable members of interdisciplinary care teams and play an essential role in delivering quality patient-centric care. ANNA recognizes and supports the contributions CSWs make to the well-being of our patients and their families. The *Integrating Social Workers Across Health Care Settings Act* will help ensure CSWs are appropriately reimbursed for their services and enhance access to mental and behavioral healthcare for millions of Medicare beneficiaries.

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Please consider ANNA as a resource to you on this bill or any other health policy issue. If you have any questions, please contact ANNA's Washington, D.C. representative, Jim Twaddell (jwtdwaddell@venable.com or 703-447-6365). Again, thank you for your commitment to improving the lives of patients and reducing costs of care.

Sincerely,



Jennifer E. Payton, MHCA BSN RN CNN
ANNA President