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Dear Prof. Vanholder,

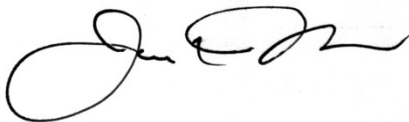
On behalf of the American Society of Nephrology (ASN), thank you for the opportunity to review and consider endorsement of the European Kidney Health Alliance's document "*Recommendations for Sustainable Kidney Care.*"

My colleagues on the ASN Council and I are very impressed with this document and believe it will prompt important conversations among the European kidney community and with lawmakers in the European Union. The recommendations focus on addressing patients' needs throughout the progression of kidney disease and emphasize the need to involve all stakeholders in ensuring excellent patient care. These objectives reflect ASN's goals for the U.S. nephrology community and deserve the society's enthusiastic support.

I am pleased to confirm that ASN officially endorses the European Kidney Health Alliance's document "*Recommendations for Sustainable Kidney Care.*" Please ensure that the society is recognized as fully endorsing this important document.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to review and endorse these recommendations, and for all of the European Kidney Health Alliance's work on behalf of people with kidney disease.

Sincerely,



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