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Dear Mr. Beck, Mr. Fordham, and Mrs. Cali,

Hello-- my name is Carole Matiaco and I am a Registered Dietitian working to help patients that dialyze in DaVita clinics be as healthy as they can. I have been working in this capacity for 6 years. Their challenges are tremendous and sometimes I wonder how they even look forward to each day.... but they do. Many of them are moms or dads with kids at home, grandparents filling an important role in the lives of grandchildren.... just like you and I.

I have recently learned that certain health plans are adopting plan language that shifts significant payment responsibility from the plan to those members diagnosed with End-Stage Renal Disease and requires members to obtain other coverage without regard to the members' best interest, or their eligibility for such coverage. These plans are discriminatory towards ESRD patients, and if they are not removed from the market, could lead to significant financial expense for patients.

I am concerned about these changes and hope that you can be an influence to remove these plans from the market in advance of open enrollment.

Thank you so much for your attention in this important matter for our patients.

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