



HILL DAY
March 6, 2018

AAKP Participates in 2018 Kidney Patient Summit!

For the 5th consecutive year, AAKP participated in the 2018 Kidney Patient Summit hosted by the National Kidney Foundation (NKF). On March 6th, 100 advocates (patients, caregivers, living donors) from AAKP, NKF, Alport Syndrome Foundation, NephCure International, and the Polycystic Kidney Disease Foundation met with 150 legislative offices. Advocates shared their kidney disease stories and asked for their Representatives' and Senators' support on the following issues:

- **Early detection and treatment** of chronic kidney disease (CKD). H.R. 3867 would establish a pilot Medicare program to help improve care and outcomes for patients with CKD.
- **Living Donor Protection Act** (H.R. 1270) protect living organ donors from denial of coverage or increase in premiums of life or disability insurance. This bill will also include organ donation surgery under the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA).
- Increased **federal funding for kidney disease research** and other programs – CDC's National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK), and Health Resources and Services Administration's (HRSA) Division of Transplantation and Bureau of Primary Care.

The Kidney Patient Summit was one of two Hill Day events AAKP participated during National Kidney Month.

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AAKP Ambassadors at the Summit



Ambassador Bruce Tippetts (UT) met with Senator Enzi (WY)



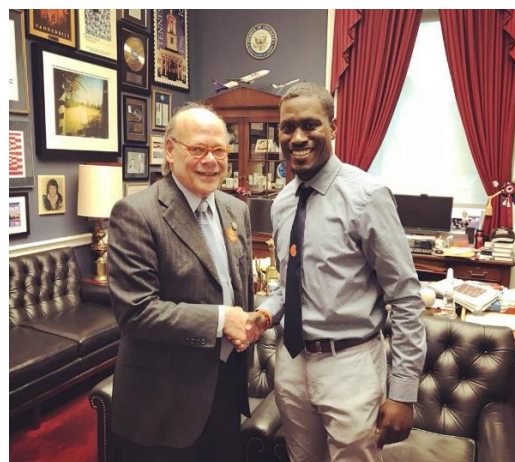
BOD and Texas Ambassadors Kent Bressler (with wife Cathy) and David Rodriguez met with Senator Cruz's office.



The 2018 Kidney Patient Summit group photo



AAKP Ambassadors and BOD visiting with Representative Connolly's (VA) staff



Ambassador Edward Drake II (GA) with Congressman Steve Cohen (TN)