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Remarks Upon the Presentation of the Global Kidney Leadership & Innovation Award to
The Honorable Alex M. Azar, II
Former Secretary, U.S. Department of Health and Humans Services (2018-2021)
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The 24th Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Service, Mr. Alex Azar led the historic transformation of the healthcare system in the United States and HHS's robust response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

From the beginning, he made it clear that he is not interested in preserving the status quo in kidney health but embarked on a daunting mission to craft the Advancing American Kidney Health Initiative, with the aspirational goal of better outcomes through preventive care and person-centered treatment options. Even the critiques acknowledged that the goals of the Initiative are laudable and indicate a meaningful change for better kidney health.

I along with the kidney community applaud the Honorable Secretary, Alex Azar.

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