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Griffin P. Rodgers, M.D., M.A.C.P.
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National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases
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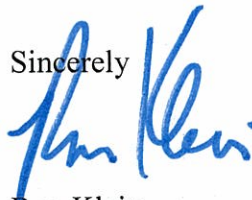
Dear Dr. Rodgers:

At a recent visit to the National Institutes of Health, Dr. Zerhouni recommended that I contact the heads of the specific institutes for any specific inquiries I may have. So I wanted to take this opportunity to first thank you for your continued leadership on kidney disease research. Knowing numerous individuals suffering from diabetes and other debilitating kidney and digestive diseases, I want to applaud you for the advances that the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases have made under your stewardship.

I also wish to inquire about two potentially devastating kidney conditions that affect not only my constituents, but individuals close to me as well. As you know, focal segmental glomerulosclerosis and nephrotic syndrome affect many Americans, particularly children. As such, I am asking you to please inform me of the activities that the NIDDK is currently engaged with respect to the glomerular disease research portfolio.

Thank you for your consideration of my request. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely



Ron Klein
Member of Congress