## **Current Situation**

9<sup>th</sup>

## Leading cause of death in the U.S.

Simple and low-cost blood and urine tests can detect kidney disease.



Chronic kidney disease (CKD) affects 30 million adults, and 1 in 3 U.S. adults are at risk. Diabetes and hypertension are the two leading causes of CKD.



Total Medicare expenditures for all stages of CKD were nearly \$100 billion in 2015, not including medications. Most of that cost, ~\$64 billion, was spent caring for those with CKD stages 1-5, without kidney failure.

It is urgent that we ensure proper diagnosis and treatment of patients with CKD in the earlier stages.

## Co-sponsor and help pass legislation to:

Design a CKD
Early Detection
and Management
Demonstration Program
(H.R. 3867)

Provide primary care practitioners and nephrologists with the resources they need to better care for people with CKD, while also ensuring they are accountable for measurable improvements in outcomes.

Reward practitioners for identifying kidney disease early so that the progression of the disease can be slowed resulting in better, long-term patient outcomes and lower healthcare spending.

Empower patients through education to make informed decisions about all available treatment options, should they progress to kidney failure.

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Sources of Facts and Statistics: Organ Procurement and Transplant Network (OPTN) (2017), United States Renal Data System (USRDS) (2017).

## **Problem/Barriers**



**CKD often goes undetected**. 90% of people with CKD don't know they have it because it has no symptoms.



People with CKD are at a **greater risk** for **heart attack and stroke** in addition to other complications

<b>4</b> x	African Americans
<b>2</b> x	Hispanics
1x	Caucasians

**Minority groups** are disproportionately affected by CKD

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