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Dear Dr. Ocharan-Corcuera,

We are pleased that the Sociedad Española de Diálisis y Trasplante has accepted our invitation to join the European Kidney Health Alliance (EKHA). As you are aware, in the current economic context, kidney care is facing important challenges and a strong voice at European level is needed now more than ever. At the same time, with the EU undergoing a period of change, we have the opportunity to create an environment of cooperation and interaction between policy-makers and stakeholders working towards improving kidney health across Europe.

For these reasons, we are thankful that SEDYT is pulling efforts together with EKHA in order to make the case for improved renal care. The months ahead will be busy for our organisation, with the recruitment of new Members of the European Parliament for our MEP Group for Kidney Health; the work on a pilot project which –if successful- will guarantee some European funds for renal care pathways research; and the official establishment of an annual event, the European Kidney Forum, amongst others.

I am convinced that your support and cooperation will be valuable and that SEDYT will fuel with its enthusiasm our work at EU level.

With best regards,

Professor Emeritus Norbert Lameire
Chairman,

The European Kidney Health Alliance