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Ms. Bridget McAuliffe, Leading Age Ohio

Ms. Diane Deitz, Ohio Health Care Association

Dear Bridget and Diane:

Thank you for taking time to talk with the Ohio Renal Association leaders last week. We appreciate your willingness to open a dialogue among the associations in order to best serve our common patients.

We think it was a productive discussion of how patients can be best served including those who are COVID-19 positive, Patients Under Investigation, and those who have not been infected. We were able to jointly share how we are all keeping patients safe and implementing best practices.

We also talked about the mutual benefit of improving communication during all transitions in care between the dialysis and nursing facilities. The benefits of having some standardized COVID communication going back and forth were discussed. The ORA is working on some ideas that could be included. We will pass those along once the ORA Board discusses a draft.

We look forward to working together as we go forward and if we can be of assistance to you or your organization, please let us know. Thank you again for your time and interest in Ohio's dialysis patients and the Ohio Renal Association.

Sincerely,

Diane Wish, MBA, RN

President, Ohio Renal Association.