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ARxC Calls on Elected Officials to Respond as Deadline for Dialysis Care Draws Near for 33 ARxC Patients

Atlanta, Georgia--- On behalf of 33 dialysis patients, facing a shutdown of treatment on August 31, 2010, ARxC has asked Rep. John Lewis, Rep. David Scott and Rep. Hank Johnson (see attached letter) to intercede under their authority and privilege as representatives of Georgians to make a congressional inquiry into the State Department's response to the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) request.

On January 29, 2010 the Organization of American States (OAS), on behalf of the IACHR requested the U.S. Department of State to intervene in the Dialysis Crisis in Atlanta (see attached OAS correspondence). To date, ARxC and attorney Lindsay Jones have not heard any response to their request for the adoption of urgent measures to ensure the patients have access to ongoing medical treatment and to adopt these measures in consultation with the patients. The IACHR also requested the OAS provide the Commission with information concerning the compliance of these precautionary measures.

We are asking our elected officials, Ambassador Carmen Lomellin of OAS, Executive Secretary Santiago Canton of IACHR and Secretary of State Hilary Clinton to assist in this inquiry and to open a dialogue for a human solution and viable outcome. We call for our government to stand true to its commitment to halt any conduct that places these vulnerable people in grave danger. We are reaching out to the authorities of our State Department and congressmen to help prevent the irreparable tragedy of the loss of life for these 33 patients anguished by the uncertainty of their future.



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