

May 20, 2026

Dear Mr. Colson,

On behalf our respective institutions, the American Association of Kidney Patients (AAKP) and the George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences (GWU SMHS), we want to thank you for your participation as an honored guest speaker at the **2026 Global Summit on Kidney Disease Innovations**. As the Co-Founders and Co-Chairs of this partnership event, we understand there are many other competing opportunities to share your insights, so we were particularly honored that you chose to accept our invitation and to share your insights with our global audience.

Your unique perspectives and expertise made an immense contribution to this year's program and helped make the 2026 *Global Summit* an extraordinary success. This year, the *Global Summit* involved over 60 speakers across 14 expert sessions and a highly diverse audience of patients, scientists, researchers, medical professionals, industry leaders, and policymakers from over 120 countries. Since its launch in 2019, the *Global Summit* has grown into the world's largest patient-led kidney innovations conference with an audience nearing 25,000 participants, over 120 professionally filmed expert sessions, and the contributions of more than 400 highly distinguished experts like you.

Over the past several days, we were encouraged by the overwhelmingly positive feedback received throughout this year's presentations and program. Many clinicians and attendees specifically expressed appreciation for the high caliber of scientific content, the quality and diversity of speakers, and the unique patient-centered structure of the program. It was deeply meaningful to hear so many participants recognize the *Global Summit* as an important platform for elevating innovation, collaboration, and real-world patient perspectives within the kidney community. We are humbled by the growing list of allied experts who have contacted us to suggest additional topics for future *Global Summit* agendas and who have also offered their time to speak.

As we continue our work to further elevate awareness of new kidney science and innovations, please know that your leadership and voice are an integral part of the global dialogue about transcending status quo kidney care, saving more innocent lives, and protecting more livelihoods from this disease. We look forward to future collaborations with you and your colleagues.

Please note that all sessions are currently available on-demand through the virtual event platform (<https://events.virtualpro.com/8th-annual-global-summit-on-kidney-disease-innovations/login>). This helps accommodate our global audience across multiple time zones. The platform will remain accessible for 30 days following the event. During that time, registered attendees will continue to have access to the agenda and on-demand session viewing, though the additional interactive platform features will no longer be available.

During that period, all sessions will also be uploaded to AAKP's YouTube channel (<https://bit.ly/AAKPYoutube>) for broader educational access and expanded viewer engagement.

As a speaker, you were automatically registered for the event and may continue to access the platform using the link provided in your confirmation email. If you are unable to locate that information, you may also use the following:

- **Event link:** <https://events.virtualpro.com/8th-annual-global-summit-on-kidney-disease-innovations/login>
- **Code:** Global2026

Additionally, we have received inquiries from attendees asking whether presentation slides may be made available following the event. We never distribute speaker slide decks without the presenter's explicit permission. However, if you had a presentation and approve, we would be happy to share a PDF version upon request to help protect the integrity of your presentation materials.

If you are comfortable granting permission, please kindly confirm with Diana Clynes (dclynes@aakp.org) and Jerome Bailey (jbailey@aakp.org) from the AAKP Professional Team.

Thank you again for your time, partnership, and contributions to this important global effort.

With appreciation,



Dr. Dominic Raj
Director, Division of Kidney Diseases and Hypertension, George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences
Co-Founder & Co-Chair, Global Summit on Kidney Disease Innovations



Paul T. Conway
Vice President & Chair, Policy & Global Affairs, American Association of Kidney Patients
Co-Founder & Co-Chair, Global Summit on Kidney Disease Innovations