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Dear Colleague:

March is National Kidney Month. We want to take this opportunity to introduce you to [Ebie](#), who suffers from renal disease. He is one of the many people receiving Social Security disability benefits whose stories rarely make the headlines.

Before his kidneys began to fail, Ebie lived a very active life. He had a rewarding job, was very involved in his community, and enjoyed participating in activities with his daughters and grandchildren. Now, he can no longer work and spends much of his time receiving dialysis, which he needs to live.

**Select the image above to view or share the video.**

We invite you to take a moment to put yourself in Ebie's shoes. How would you cope in a situation such as his? How would you pay your bills?

Social Security disability is insurance that workers earn and contribute toward through taxes on their earnings. When a severe disability takes away a person's ability to work, Social Security provides a critical lifeline.

We hope you will place this video on your organization's website, include it in your social media posts, and distribute it to your email lists. By sharing Ebie's story, you can help us spread the word about our programs, which provide a critical safety net for working men and women, children, the disabled, and the elderly when they need it most.

Visit our [Faces and Facts of Disability](#) website for more personal stories, facts about the disability program, and ready-to-publish educational materials. Please take advantage of these materials to help the public understand how Social Security disability insurance protects workers and assists our most vulnerable citizens—those living with severe disabilities.

As always, thank you for your continued support and partnership!

Sincerely,

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Associate Commissioner  
for External Affairs

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