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**American Society of Transplant Surgeons®**

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Representative Jaime Herrera Beutler  
1107 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Herrera Beutler:

On behalf of the American Society of Transplant Surgeons (ASTS) and the patients we serve, thank you for your successful efforts to have the Department of Labor clarify the permitted use of Family Medical Leave Act of 1993 time for organ donation surgery. This clarification will remove a significant barrier to living organ donation and increase the number of organs available to save and improve lives throughout the United States.

We have worked toward this important result for several years and are proud that the legal analysis we produced to support your request to Secretary Acosta was helpful. As the lead sponsor for the Living Donor Protection Act, your commitment to living donation is highly valued and critical to our patients who are waiting for organs.

We are grateful for your leadership in advocating for transplantation for those suffering from end stage organ failure, as well as protecting living organ donors from discrimination. We are so fortunate to have you and your staff as true champions for living donation and transplant, and we look forward to continuing to work with you toward our mutual goals.

Sincerely,

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