

October 31, 2024

The Honorable Rob Wittman  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Jennifer McClellan  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2417 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Mariannette Miller-Meeks  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1034 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Jim Costa  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2081 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear U.S. Representatives Wittman, McClellan, Miller-Meeks, and Costa:

Thank you for your leadership in organ donation and transplant by introducing the Organ Donation Referral Improvement Act (H.R. 9939). This legislation contributes to our shared goal of strengthening the nation's organ donation and transplant system.

Automated electronic deceased organ donor referral systems could significantly improve the way potential organ donors are identified in the United States. Using technology for this function has not been studied nationally, but one study found a 333% increase in organ donors after implementing one such referral system<sup>i</sup>. Your legislation to conduct a comprehensive national study outlining best practices for the use of such technology is essential to better understand the technology and support its widespread implementation.

If enacted into law, the Organ Donation Referral Improvement Act will help increase the amount of potential organ donors and thereby reduce the number of Americans waiting for a lifesaving organ transplant.

The undersigned organizations commend you for your leadership with the Organ Donation Referral Improvement Act and look forward to working with you and Congress to advance the legislation.

Sincerely,

American Association of Kidney Patients  
American Foundation for Donation & Transplantation  
American Kidney Fund  
American Liver Foundation  
American Society for Histocompatibility and Immunogenetics  
American Society of Nephrology  
American Society of Transplant Surgeons  
American Society of Transplantation

Association for Multicultural Affairs in Transplantation  
Association of Organ Procurement Organization  
Infinite Legacy  
Kidney Care Partners  
Kidney Transplant Collaborative  
National Kidney Foundation  
NJ Sharing Network  
North American Transplant Coordinators Organization  
Renal Physicians Association  
Transplant Families  
Transplant Recipients International Organization  
United Network for Organ Sharing  
Virginia Hospital & Healthcare Association  
Waitlist Zero

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<sup>i</sup> Niles, P., Hewlett, J., Piano, J., & Liu, W. (2020). Automated electronic referrals are changing donation. *Transplantation*, 104(S3). <https://doi.org/10.1097/01.tp.0000699788.52410.58>