

UNOS Supports the Living Donor Protection Act

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Legislation to reduce barriers to living donation needed now more than ever

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The United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS) proudly supports the *Living Donor Protection Act* of 2021 (S. 377/H.R. 1255). Providing the strongest protections possible for living donors is essential to safeguarding this generous group of individuals while also encouraging more people to give the gift of life. We thank Chairman Ralph Nadler, Rep. Jaime Herrera-Beutler, Senator Tom Cotton and Senator Kristen Gillibrand for their leadership on this critical issue.

UNOS works to ensure that patients on the national waitlist have equitable access to lifesaving organ transplants. Increasing the number of people who will consider becoming living donors is essential to achieving this goal. With living donor transplants down more than 23% during the COVID-19 pandemic, this legislation is more important than ever before.

The selfless individuals who choose to donate an organ should not face discriminatory barriers like higher insurance premiums or a denial of coverage based on their status as living donors. Once these protections are ensured, it will help pave the way for others to make the decision to become living donors in the future.

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