

Support the Living Donor Protection Act (H.R. 2923 and S. 1384)

The Living Donor Protection Act is bipartisan legislation reflecting the policies determined most important to support living donors as determined by organ donors, liver and kidney patients, the insurance industry, transplant professionals, nephrologists, advocacy organizations and disease professionals. Once enacted, the legislation will protect living organ donors and remove barriers to greater donation.

Supporting organ donors saves lives for those waiting.

More than 100,000 Americans are waiting for lifesaving organ transplants. Livers are the second-most awaited transplant, with nearly 10,500 people on the waiting list in 2023. 17 people die each day waiting. While most people in the U.S. support organ donation, federally-funded research found in 2015 that the system recovers "only one-fifth of the true potential" for organ donors. This legislation would encourage more living organ donations – and save lives – by making the donation process affordable for living donors and protecting their employment.

Provisions to support living donors and increase donation:

- Prohibits insurance companies from denying or limiting coverage and from charging higher premiums for living organ donors;
- Amends the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 to specifically include living organ donation as a serious health condition;
- Directs HHS to update their materials on live organ donation to reflect these new protections and encourage more individuals to consider donating an organ.

Lead Sponsors:

In the House of Representatives, H.R. 2923 is led by Congressman Jerrold Nadler (D-NY), Congressman Troy Balderson (R-OH), Congresswoman Lisa Blunt Rochester (D-DE), Congressman Jim Costa (D-CA), Congressman John Curtis (R-UT), Congresswoman Diana DeGette (D-CO), Congresswoman Mariannette Miller-Meeks (R-IA), and Congressman Gregory F. Murphy, M.D. (R-NC).

In the Senate, S. 1384 is led by Senator Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY) and Senator Tom Cotton (R-AR).

The liver disease community strongly supports living donors and efforts to support organ donation.