



SUPPORT THE LIVING DONOR PROTECTION ACT (HR 1270)

An average of about 7,841 lives were saved by liver transplants in 2016, yet more than 1,227 Americans died waiting for a transplant in that same period. In 2016, 345 liver transplants were made possible by living donors.

However, the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) does not specify that living organ donors can take unpaid leave to recover from their donation and does not guarantee that donors will have a job waiting for them after surgery. Further, according a 2007 study in the American Journal of Transplantation, as many as 11% of living organ donors experience difficulty securing or paying for insurance after their procedures because of discriminatory practices. **The Living Donor Protection Act of 2017 supports a crucial need in protecting our living donors, who willingly give of themselves to promote the long-term health and well-being of others.**

The Living Donor Protection Act of 2017 will allow greater access to liver transplant by:

- **Protecting Donors.** This legislation will prohibit insurance companies from denying or limiting coverage and from charging higher premiums for living organ donors' life, disability and long term care plans.
- **Ensuring that a living donor will not be discriminated against or lose their job.** The legislation clarifies that the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) applies to living donors, ensuring that those who donate part of their liver to someone in need can return to work after recovering from surgery.
- **Educating potential donors.** The legislation directs the Secretary of Health and Human Services to update the agency's materials related to living donation to appropriately reflect the changes the legislation will make to current policies.

To co-sponsor this important legislation in the House, please contact Melissa Connolly with Representative Nadler (melissa.connolly@mail.house.gov) or Jessica Wixson with Representative Herrera Beutler (jessica.wixson@mail.house.gov). In the Senate, please consider introducing and supporting this important legislation.

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