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April 1, 2009

The Honorable Byron Dorgan
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Support for Organ Donation Amendment in FY2010 Budget
Resolution

Dear Senator Dorgan,

On behalf of the American Society of Transplantation (AST), representing the majority of professionals engaged in the field of solid organ transplantation, we strongly support your amendment to the FY2010 budget resolution to provide a \$10 million dollar increase for organ donation activities within the Department of Health and Human Services' Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA).

In the past, HRSA Division on Transplantation (DoT) has played an important and effective role in strengthening both donation and transplantation activities in the United States. These efforts have included streamlining and bringing greater efficiencies to the field of solid organ transplantation and in the nation's ability to deliver the gift-of-life.

On behalf of the more than 100,000 individuals currently awaiting a life saving donor organ and the many clinicians and researchers that comprise AST, we applaud and strongly endorse your organ donation amendment to the FY2010 budget resolution.

Sincerely,

Barbara Murphy, MD
President

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