

**Written Testimony of  
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**In Support of House Bill No. 5333  
Public Health Committee**

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An Act Concerning Organ and Tissue Donation Awareness**

Representative Ritter, Senator Gerratana and members of the Public Health Committee, thank you for the opportunity to address you regarding House Bill 5333.

I am Ascher Sellner, a retired Obstetrician Gynecologist. I am a member of Donate Life Connecticut and the Transplant Support Organization in Westchester County, NY.

My liver transplant gave me a new life in November 2003, Since then I literally helped give others new life.

I have practiced on yearly medical missions to Limon, Honduras and Santiago Guatemala where many patients were Mayans. I worked at an Sioux Indian reservation in Rosebud South Dakota and I served at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage Alaska. I resumed practice for one year in a critical access hospital in Machias, Maine

I ask you to help give life to people like me by supporting legislation that encourages, promotes and facilitates organ donation.

Once again thank you.  
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