

**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. I appreciate the opportunity to submit this written testimony in support of House Bill # 5333.

*My name is Peter Kupczak and a member of the Donor Family Community. I am writing in support of House Bill 5333. This legislation will increase opportunities to educate the residents of Connecticut of the importance of organ and tissue donation.*

*On November 23rd 2002 my only child Jessica Marie Gave the Gift of Life to four strangers in need of a life saving transplant after suffering a severe Asthma attack . She was 24 years old, had just finished her degree in Theater and was living in NYC. Since 2003 I have committed myself to honoring Jessica Marie by promoting Organ and Tissue Donation at each and every opportunity that presents itself. I have spoken to High Schools, Church groups, Civic organizations as well as Health Fairs, and community centers I volunteer with Donate Life Connecticut, Life Choice Donor Services, New York Organ Donor Network, National Kidney Foundation and currently serve as the Donor Family Liaison for Team Liberty as well as a member of it's steering committee.*

*I support this legislation as it creates an opportunity for Connecticut to increase the number of donors statewide by making dollars available to promote Organ and Tissue donation as well as a committee to oversee on how to best utilize that money by working with Donate Life Connecticut, Life Choice Donor Services, New England Organ Bank and most of all Donor families, Living Donors and Recipients. I urge you to support this Legislation since I know first hand that it will have a positive impact on the lives of more than 1,200 Connecticut residents waiting for the 'gift of life' that I have already received. Thank you, A Proud Donor Dad in Honor Of Jessica Marie Kupczak.*

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