

**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. As a nurse and educator I am strongly committed to educating the residents of Connecticut about the importance of organ and tissue donation.

As the course coordinator for a baccalaureate nursing course in community health The student feedback to this moving presentation is overwhelmingly positive. The simple act of receiving information, like the fact that 19 Americans die daily simply because an organ did not come, provides food for thought-and has resulted in students becoming donors.

Thank you for introducing this life-saving legislation I support it because I know it will have a positive impact on the lives of more than 1,200 Connecticut residents waiting for the 'gift of life'. More lives are saved when more people say 'yes' to donation.

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