

**Written Testimony of  
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**In Support of House Bill No. 6281  
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 # 6281.

My name is Mitch Goldblatt. I am a Selectman in the Town of Orange and the Director of Human Resources in the Town of Guilford as well as a long time Blood Donor and Registered Organ Donor. With the Town of Guilford, I have worked with Kari Mull, the Director of Donate Life Connecticut. Kari's outreach efforts continue to impress me about the value of Organ and Tissue Donation, which has led to Guilford's yearly participation in Donate Life month. In addition, Kari addressed our employees during a recent Healthy Lunch and impressed upon so many, the importance of Organ and Tissue Donation.

The fact is that we need to further the education and awareness of Organ and Tissue Donation to many more people and House Bill #6281 will greatly assist this effort.

This legislation creates an opportunity for Connecticut to increase the number of donors statewide. More lives will be saved when more people say 'yes' to donation. Allowing residents to make a contribution to an organ and tissue donation fund when registering their motor vehicle is a simple and convenient way to achieve this purpose.

Thank you for introducing this life-saving legislation. I know it will have a positive impact on the lives of more than 1,400 Connecticut residents waiting for the 'gift of life'

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