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House of Representatives  
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

May 9, 2014

Re: Public Hearing HB 30 – Donate Life PA

Dear Chairman Cutler, Chairman White and members of the committee,

Thank you for holding this public hearing to consider the implicit social value of this very important legislation. The shortage of organs available for transplantation is a true public health crisis in Pennsylvania and across the country. HB 30 has the potential to save numerous lives, as similar legislation has done in many other U.S. states.

As the executive in charge of CORE, the organ procurement organization covering Western Pennsylvania and West Virginia, I am in complete support of HB 30. I have spoken with Howard Nathan, president and CEO of the Gift of Life Donor Program. I agree with and support the testimony he will provide at the hearing.

Again, thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Susan Stuart".

Susan Stuart  
President & CEO  
Center for Organ Recovery & Education (CORE)

Cc: Howard Nathan, President & CEO, Gift of Life Donor Program



# **IMPORTANT FACTS ABOUT THE NEED FOR LIFE-SAVING ORGANS**

**8,523 people are waiting for an  
organ transplant in Pennsylvania;  
122,344 nationally**

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**Last year in Pennsylvania 8 to 9 people  
died each week waiting for an organ transplant**

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**Every 10 minutes someone is added to  
the National Organ Waiting List**

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**One donor can save 8 lives through  
organ donation and tissue can improve  
the health of 50 others**



**Save A Life  
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