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The Honorable John Joyce, MD  
Chair, Subcommittee on Oversight & Investigations  
House Energy & Commerce Committee  
2125 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

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Dear Chairman Joyce:

On behalf of the American Society of Transplant Surgeons (ASTS), congratulations to you and the other members of the Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee of the House Energy and Commerce Committee on the balanced and thoughtful approach taken by the Subcommittee to the major concerns raised during the recent hearing, *Ensuring Patient Safety: Oversight of the U.S. Organ Procurement and Transplant System*.

ASTS looks forward to working with the Subcommittee, HRSA, CMS and transplant community stakeholders to address the concerns raised at the hearing. We believe that these concerns are best addressed through robust regulatory oversight combined with comprehensive education and training of all involved in the organ procurement process, including not only organ procurement organizations (OPOs), but also organ recovery teams, community hospitals' critical care teams, and others. We are currently considering how ASTS can better contribute to these enormously important educational efforts.

We are particularly grateful for the Subcommittee's emphasis on the need for continued public support for transplantation and the central role played by organ donors who give the Gift of Life to save others. In particular, DCD donors play an important and growing role in addressing today's critical organ shortage, and we look forward to working with you to ensure that public trust in the organ procurement process is, and continues to be, earned by our Nation's transplant system.

Respectfully,

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