

Current Situation



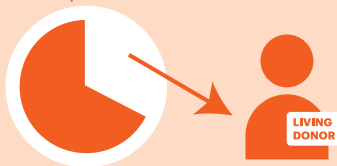
Kidneys can be donated by a living individual in good health.



Nearly 100,000 people

are on the wait list for a kidney transplant, and nearly 4,000 people died in 2016 before ever receiving a kidney transplant.

19,000 kidney transplants



In 2016, more than **19,000 kidney transplants** were performed, one-third of which were made possible by living donors. Living donors make a substantial contribution to increasing the number of transplants performed each year.

Co-sponsor and help pass legislation

to protect the rights of living donors and remove barriers to organ donation.



Living Donor Protection Act

(H.R. 1270)



The Living Donor Protection Act, introduced by Representatives Jerrold Nadler (D-NY) and Jaime Herrera Beutler (R-WA), **will protect living organ donors and remove barriers to donation**. Under this act, insurance companies are prohibited from denying or limiting life, disability and long-term care insurance to living donors, and from charging higher premiums.

The bill clarifies that living organ donors may use time granted through the **Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA)** to recover from donation.

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Problems/Barriers



Living organ donors

experienced higher premiums or denial of insurance coverage based solely on their organ donor status.



There is no federal protection

to ensure that donors will not lose their jobs for taking time off for transplant surgery and recovery.



Lack of insurance protection, higher premiums, and loss of job are barriers for someone who wants to donate an organ.