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NATCO Legislative Issues

H.R. 710 and S.487 - The Charlie W. Norwood Living Organ Donation Act. This legislation sought to amend the National Organ Transplant Act to provide that criminal penalties do not apply to human organ paired donation. It became law after the President signed it on December 21, 2007. It became Public Law 110-144.

Comprehensive Immunosuppressive Drug Coverage for Kidney Transplant Patients Act of 2007

H.R. 3282 (House version) - To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide continued entitlement to coverage for immunosuppressive drugs furnished to beneficiaries under the Medicare Program that have received a kidney transplant and whose entitlement to coverage would otherwise expire. This would extend the immunosuppressive drug coverage from 3 years to forever. *S.2320 (Senate version)*

H.R. 2808 Living Organ Donor Job Security Act that would amend the Family Medical Leave Act to allow leave for individuals who provide living organ donations.

H.R. 1035 Living Organ Donor Tax Credit of 2007 that will amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a non-refundable personal credit to individuals who donate certain life-saving organs.

H.R. 3635: Everson Walls and Ron Springs Gift of Life Act of 2007 that will amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a National Organ and Tissue Donor Registry Resource Center, to authorize grants for State organ and tissue donor registries.

Organ Donation and Recovery Improvement Act for FY2009 - To amend the Public Health Service Act to promote organ donation,

Stephanie Tubbs Jones Gift of Life Medal Act - A bill was introduced in the House of Representatives regarding the Gift of Life Medals to organ donors (H.R. 6950). This was introduced by Congressman Pete Stark (D-CA) and Congressman Dave Camp (R-MI). Congressman Stark has been trying to get similar bills passed for over 12 years. The bill has been introduced in honor of Congresswoman Stephanie Tubbs Jones (D-OH) who passed away in August. As her life ended she became an organ donor. This bill has passed the House and is now in the Senate. We will continue to support this as we have in the past.