

SENATE HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND SENIOR
CITIZENS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 61

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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The Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee reports favorably Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 61 with committee amendments.

This resolution urges the President and the Congress of the United States to enact legislation requiring that registered organ donors receive priority over those who are not registered organ donors when organs are allocated to potential medically appropriate transplant recipients.

After Israel established a three-tiered system of transplant priority, in which first priority for donor organs is given to living organ donors and their family members, second priority is given to those who have been registered as organ donors for three years or more, and third priority is given to the family members of registered donors, the number of Israeli live organ donors increased dramatically. This resolution urges the President and Congress to adopt a similar measure in the United States, with the goal of increasing the number of registered organ donors nationwide.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amendments revise the transmittal paragraph of the resolution to include the President of the United States, as well as leaders of both Houses of Congress and the congressional delegation from New Jersey.