Current Situation

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

Nearly 100,000 people are on the wait list for a kidney transplant, and more than 3,800 people died in 2017 before ever receiving a kidney transplant.

In 2017, nearly **20,000 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.

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 organ donation surgery and recovery.

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

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Co-sponsor and help pass:

The 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 help 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 also 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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