

February 26, 2026

The Honorable Ashley Moody
U.S. Senate
387 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20002

The Honorable Margaret Hassan
U.S. Senate
324 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senators Moody and Hassan:

On behalf of the physician and medical student members of the American Medical Association (AMA), I am writing in strong support of S. 1782, the “Charlotte Woodward Organ Transplant Discrimination Prevention Act.” This important bill will make great strides towards ending discrimination against individuals with disabilities in the organ transplant system.

The AMA has deep concerns that individuals with disabilities often do not have equal access to organ transplant services and face discrimination in receiving those services. Policy adopted by the AMA’s House of Delegates supports the equitable inclusion of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in eligibility for transplant surgery. S. 1782 directly addresses these concerns by prohibiting the board of directors of the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network from issuing policies or other guidance that would restrict access to organ transplant services based on disability. Additionally, the bill would bar providers from discriminating against individuals on the basis of disability when providing organ transplant services, including referrals and waiting list placements. By establishing these protections, S. 1782 will help ensure that qualified organ transplant candidates are not discriminated against on the basis of a disability.

The AMA applauds your leadership in introducing this much needed legislation. Please reach out to me directly at 312-464-5288 or John.Whyte@ama-assn.org if you have questions or need further information.

Sincerely,



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