Dear Governor Hochul,

**I strongly urge you to sign the “Doorways to Donation Act of 2021” (**[**A.6392 Peoples-Stokes/S.5973 Hinchey**](https://assembly.state.ny.us/leg/?default_fld=&leg_video=&bn=A06392&term=&Summary=Y&Text=Y)**) into law preserving its intent to require the incorporation of the New York State Donate Life Registry donor designation question into additional state agency-based transactions conducted through:**

* **the Office of Temporary Disability Assistance;**
* **the Higher Education Services Corporation;**
* **and the Office of Tax and Finance via tax documents subject to electronic filing.**

This legislation was modeled after several successful policies incorporating the opportunity to enroll in the Registry during agency-based transactions other than those conducted through the DMV. Replicating this best practice at the agencies above will result in **presenting approximately 14 million New Yorkers with new opportunities to enroll as organ and tissue donors on an annual basis.**

Increasing opportunities for New Yorkers of all backgrounds to enroll as organ and tissue donors is an effective, common sense approach to increase the availability of lifesaving organs for the 8,500 New Yorkers currently listed for transplant. Over the past decade, New York State embraced this policy strategy and the results have been resoundingly positive with **nearly one million** Registry enrollments generated by agency sources other than the DMV.

As many of the proposed transactions take place on an annual basis, incorporating the donor designation question offers New Yorkers the chance to make this gift on a more frequent basis, especially when compared to the DMV, where driver license renewal takes place just once every eight years. As many of its residents don’t possess a license, this legislation has the potential to make a particular impact in the greater NYC area, which while having the greatest population in the state, experiences the lowest rates of donor enrollment. This legislation will provide millions of New Yorkers from hard-to-reach, demographically diverse segments of the population with new and regular opportunities to document their decision to give the gift of life upon their passing.

***Respectfully, I urge you to sign the “Doorways to Donation Act of 2021”(A.6392/S.5973) into law, preserving the inclusion of each of the involved agencies, so that more New Yorkers can receive the lifesaving organ and tissue transplants they so desperately need.***