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The Honorable Barbara Boxer
United States Senate
112 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510-0505

The Honorable Tom Coburn, M.D.
United States Senate
172 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510-3603

The Honorable Lois Capps
United States House of Representatives
2231 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515-0524

RE: UNOS Endorsement of Your Legislation to Address HIV+ Organ Donation and Research

Dear Senator Boxer, Senator Coburn, and Representative Capps:

UNOS is pleased to learn of your efforts to take an important step to make more organs available for transplantation. As you know, more than 110,000 Americans are currently on the waiting list for organ transplants - far more than are likely to find a matching donor in time. Allowing the careful, targeted use of these organs makes it possible to save more lives.

If your legislation is successful, UNOS, as the contractor for the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network, stands ready to work with our HRSA partners to establish appropriate allocation policies, including safeguards to protect uninfected recipients from inadvertently receiving HIV-infected organs or vessels.

We look forward to working with you to advance this important legislation.

United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS) is the private, non-profit organization that manages the nation's organ transplant system under contract with the federal government. Our mission is to advance organ availability and transplantation by uniting and supporting our communities for the benefit of patients through education, technology and policy development.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "JP Roberts". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped "J" and "P" at the beginning.

John P. Roberts, MD  
President, United Network for Organ Sharing

cc: Brian Shepard, UNOS, Interim Executive Director & CEO