

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

# House Resolution No. 2853

## 100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE EGGLESTON.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

**WHEREAS**, on December 3, 2018, the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network (OPTN), a division of the United States Department of Health and Human Services, made changes to the national liver distribution policy; and

**WHEREAS**, this policy change does not appear to give weight to locations that have been successful in reducing their waitlists through aggressive organ procurements or through adapting innovative transplant techniques; and

**WHEREAS**, such policy change could lead to prolonged waiting periods and the deaths of many Missourians seeking liver transplants; and

**WHEREAS**, many important health care organizations in Missouri have concerns about such policy change; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 24, 2019, Senator Blunt, Chairman of the Subcommittee on the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, along with Senate Majority Leader McConnell, Senate Committee on Finance Chairman Grassley, Senate Committee on Appropriations Chairman Shelby, Senator Hawley, and other Senators sent a letter to Alex Azar, Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services, to voice concern about how the change in policy would adversely impact the many Americans seeking liver transplants; and

**WHEREAS**, Senator Blunt's leadership as the Chairman of the Subcommittee on the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies has been crucial in protecting Missourians' interests on this issue and many other issues:

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the members of the House of Representatives of the One Hundredth General Assembly, First Regular Session, hereby offer their support to Senator Blunt and Senator Hawley in their endeavor to protect Missourians from this harmful policy change; and

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32           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of  
33 Representatives be instructed to prepare and submit a properly inscribed copy of this resolution  
34 to Alex Azar, Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services.

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