

The Michigan Donor Family Council is writing in support of [HB5174](#), which would require education about organ donation and the Donor Registry to all 9th graders in Michigan public schools. Our organization is proud to support organ donation in our state. Organ donation registration needs to continue to rise to meet the demand of organ transplants. The only difference between an unavoidable death and an unavoidable death that leads to a life-saving organ donation is 'the little red heart on a person's driver's licence'.

As a Donor Mother, my sons' tragic death gave a glimmer of hope when he was able to donate all his organs, saving and healing five lives.

As a registered donor myself, promoting awareness of organ donation for years, I've seen progress, but it must continue. This Bill, requiring education about organ donation and donor registry to 9th graders is the next perfect link in the progress. As a former Michigan teacher, the impact of donor education for young adults is NEEDED and it is important to the students' future life decisions.

The HB5174 Bill would educate our future generations, resulting in hopefully a time when driver registration rates match or is close to Donor Registration. This generation owes this donor education opportunity to our future generations.

The MDFC asks for prompt passage of this important legislation. Thank you for your time.

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