Dear Senator [Name]:

I am a constituent of the State of Nebraska and I am asking for your support on NE LB 994, which will prevent discrimination against persons with physical or mental disabilities in regard to organ donations.

Despite federal protection, people with disabilities still do not receive equal consideration for organ transplants. Because of a lack of federal enforcement, there is a demonstrated need for state action to ensure the rights of people with disabilities including Down syndrome.

Currently, these states have laws in place that prohibit this discrimination:

* California (AB 2861) (1996)
* New Jersey (SB1456) (2013)
* Maryland (SB 792) (2015)
* Massachusetts (Chapter 328) (2016)
* Oregon (HB 2839) (2017)
* Delaware (HB 21) (2017)
* Kansas (HB 2343) (2018)
* Ohio (HB 332) (2018)
* Pennsylvania (Act 90) (2018)
* Washington (HB 5405) (2019)
* Louisiana (HB 143) (2019)
* Indiana (SB 112) (2019)

Please work to ensure that people with Down syndrome and other disabilities are given access to the life-saving procedures they need.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. If you have any questions, please contact the National Down Syndrome Society at policy@ndss.org or the Down Syndrome Association for Families of Nebraska at director@dsafnebraska.org.

Sincerely,

Your Name

Your Address

Your Email