

**Written Testimony  
HB 2839**

Chair Greenlick, members of the committee, my name is Corrina Patzer and I am the Chief Strategy Officer for Lions VisionGift located in Portland, Oregon; we are the federally regulated eye procurement organization serving Oregon & southern Washington. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on HB 2839.

I, along with my colleagues at Community Tissue Services (Oregon's federally regulated Tissue Procurement Organization) would like to submit our opposition for HB 2839. We have concern that the structure of this bill as written is significantly incongruent with its possible intent. The bill references the Oregon Uniform Anatomical Gift Act and specifically the role of organ, eye and tissue procurement organizations. It is assumed as written that these organizations have an implicit responsibility for determining the selection of a transplant recipient. To be clear, these organizations have no role in recipient selection. Eye/Tissue procurement organizations are responsible for the procurement, processing and safety screening of the gifts they recover. From an eye/tissue perspective, once the gift is determined to be safe for transplant it is the responsibility of the transplanting surgeon to determine the best recipient fit. Donor numbers are assigned to ensure anonymity and to follow the tissue through the transplant process in accordance with accreditation standards.

In light of the specific role of organ, eye, and tissue organizations in not selecting recipients, and the fact that transplant professionals conduct services and programs under national policies and oversight, this bill needs to be dropped or re-approached in a manner congruent with an understanding of how transplantation is carried out and organized in reality.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony, I would be happy to provide any answers or additional feedback requested.

Sincerely,



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