



## State Organ Transplant Discrimination Advocacy Email Template

These template emails are intended for advocates to use in communication with their elected officials at the state level. If you need contact information for your state officials or have any questions about these templates, please contact NDSS Manager of State Government Relations, Nick Leto, at [nleto@ndss.org](mailto:nleto@ndss.org).

Subject: Please support (**bill number**), Organ Transplant Discrimination Prevention

Body:

As a resident of **[city]** of **(State)**, I am urging you to support and amend **(bill number)**, which will prevent discrimination against people with disabilities in organ transplants.

**[Include here an introduction of yourself and more information connecting you to the Down syndrome community/ connection to your elected official's district]**

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. State-level legislation enforcing non-discrimination policies for organ transplants has been passed in thirty-nine states.

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 reach out to Nick Leto, Manager of State Government Relations at the National Down Syndrome Society at [nleto@ndss.org](mailto:nleto@ndss.org).