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**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 6387**

To the Chairs, Senator Lesser and Representative Wood. To the Ranking and committee members of the Insurance and Real Estate committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify before you today in support of HB-6387, "An Act Concerning Living Organ Donor Insurance Discrimination". I'm Representative Tammy Exum and I represent the 19th district, which includes portions of West Hartford, Avon and Farmington.

Last year, I was introduced to two West Hartford residents, Robin Gilmartin and Diane Mack. They are living kidney donors, and they shared with me information on insurance discrimination and wanted Connecticut to join other states in enacting this legislation. Together we worked to bring this to the Insurance committee, where it unanimously passed out of committee. And then came COVID, so we begin again.

This is also a personal issue for me. My mother died from renal failure and acquiring a kidney could literally have saved her life. I see organ donors as selfless heroes. Let's put an end to any punitive insurance measures against donors.

Today, Robin and Diane are unable to join us, but have submitted testimony. Shelia Sokolski of Avon, did as well, but gave me permission to share her testimony for your consideration.