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Michigan House Clerk's Office  
Room 70  
Main Capitol Building  
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**Subject: Ascension St. John Hospital Transplant Specialty Center supports passage of Check Your Heart Act**

Hello,

The Ascension St. John Hospital Transplant Specialty Center encourages swift passage of the Check Your Heart Act ([HB4362](#), [HB4363](#), [HB4364](#)) that would enable tax filers to add their names to the Michigan Organ Donor Registry.

If enacted, Michigan would be the first state in the nation to include the Donor Registry question on a state income tax form. This legislation will save lives in Michigan. Currently, 2,400 Michiganders are waiting for a life-saving organ transplant. Plus, 16,000 residents are on dialysis, many of whom would benefit from a kidney transplant.

We thank members for their consideration of this historic act. If you or your constituents have any further questions about organ donation and transplantation in Michigan, please contact me.

With Regard,

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