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Honourable Adriana LaGrange
Minister of Health
Government of Alberta
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Dear Minister LaGrange,

**Re: Support for Transformational Improvement of Alberta’s Organ and Tissue Donation and Transplantation System**

On behalf of BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION, I am writing to express our strong support for the Alberta ORGANization Group’s proposal titled *"A Summary of the Opportunity for Transformational Improvement of Alberta’s Organ and Tissue Donation and Transplantation System."* This initiative is a critical step towards improving the health and well-being of Albertans in need of organ and tissue transplants (OTDT), and it aligns with our business/organization’s ongoing commitment to enhance transplantation outcomes and support donor families across the province.

The Ministry of Health has the opportunity to build on recent successes, such as the passing of the Alberta Human Tissue and Organ Donation (Mandatory Referral) Amendment Act and its regulations, the funding of the Specialists in End-of-life, Neuroprognostication, and Donation (SEND) program, and the establishment of Give Life Alberta. These milestones have created a foundation for Alberta to position itself as a national and international OTDT leader.

We join AOG in requesting that the Ministry of Health establish an integrated, pan-provincial system to coordinate all aspects of OTDT in Alberta. The proposed incremental funding of $25 million over five years is a modest yet necessary investment to realize the substantial benefits of an integrated donation and transplantation system. The immediate allocation of $5 million in the first year is crucial for establishing the dedicated leadership and governance structures required to oversee this transformational project. Establishing an Implementation Committee and appointing a senior full-time executive and Champion are essential to ensure Alberta’s OTDT system is effectively managed, accountable, and transparent.

Key priorities outlined in the proposal, such as enhancing donor and transplant coordinator resources, expanding public awareness and education programs, and improving rural access to donation and transplantation services, are vital to achieving a more equitable and efficient system. The focus on Indigenous communities and the inclusion of chronic disease management in First Nations areas are particularly noteworthy, as they address longstanding gaps in access to healthcare services for these communities.

Furthermore, the emphasis on research, IT support, and external audits will ensure that Alberta’s organ and tissue donation and transplantation system remains at the forefront of medical innovation and quality care. By tracking real-time outcomes and continuously refining the system based on evidence, Alberta can become a leader in OTDT in Canada.

In closing, we urge the Government of Alberta to seize this opportunity to make a lasting impact on the lives of thousands of Albertans. Implementing this proposal will save lives and enhance the quality of life for transplant recipients and their families while generating significant cost savings for the healthcare system. BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION recognizes the urgent need for an OTDT system that will efficiently work-up patients for placement on transplant wait lists, expedite living donation processes and waitlisting, and provide strong support for organ and tissue donor families.

We are committed to supporting this initiative and are eager to collaborate with the Alberta ORGANization Group and the Government in any capacity necessary.

Sincerely,