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# H. R. 6469

To amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize increased Federal funding for the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. DEGETTE (for herself, Mr. COSTA, Mr. CAMP of Michigan, Mr. CLAY, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, Mr. BOUCHER, Mrs. MCMORRIS RODGERS, Mr. WU, and Mr. REYES) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Organ Transplant Au-  
5 thorization Act of 2008”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress makes the following findings:

8 (1) The National Organ Transplant Act of  
9 1984 amended the Public Health Service Act to re-

1       quire the Secretary of Health and Human Services  
2       to provide for, by contract with a private nonprofit  
3       entity, the establishment and operation of an Organ  
4       Procurement and Transplantation Network.

5               (2) The Organ Procurement and Transplan-  
6       tation Network represents a unique public-private  
7       organization that requires each party to contribute  
8       a certain amount of funding to the network's oper-  
9       ation.

10              (3) The National Organ Transplant Act of  
11       1984 provided a statutory annual authorization of  
12       \$2,000,000 for such purpose with remaining costs to  
13       be paid by the private sector contractor.

14              (4) In 1984, the annual total operating cost of  
15       the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Net-  
16       work was \$5,000,000, but in 2007 such annual cost  
17       exceeded \$27,000,000.

18              (5) The original authorization amount for the  
19       Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network  
20       has never been increased since the enactment of the  
21       National Organ Transplant Act of 1984, resulting in  
22       a greatly increased cost burden on the private sector  
23       contractor.

24              (6) Much of the increased costs of operation of  
25       the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Net-

1 work have resulted from additional duties and re-  
2 sponsibilities assigned to the private sector con-  
3 tractor by Federal regulations and Secretarial direc-  
4 tives.

5 **SEC. 3. INCREASED FUNDING FOR THE ORGAN PROCURE-**  
6 **MENT AND TRANSPLANTATION NETWORK.**

7 Section 372(a) of the Public Health Service Act (42  
8 U.S.C. 274(a)) is amended by striking “\$2,000,000” and  
9 inserting “\$7,000,000”.

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