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**Transplant Recipients International Organization, Inc. (TRIO)  
Issues Position Statement on Incentives for Organ Donation**

Washington, DC—Transplant Recipients International Organization, Inc. (TRIO), has formally adopted a position statement that TRIO supports the concept that reward for organ donation must be studied in America.

With the number of patients awaiting solid organ transplantation in America having exceeded 100,000, TRIO has come to the conclusion “that rewards and incentives for organ donation should be studied to assure that such efforts would, indeed, increase donation.”

In part, TRIO’s position states: “The concept that incentives, benefits, or gratuities should recognize an important life saving contribution such as organ donation to fellow Americans is one which seems just and proper, especially if the concept is studied in real-time trials . . .”

Further, TRIO’s position suggests that “a compassionately offered but highly regulated set of benefits might be studied from state to state or among selected organ procurement organizations.”

After publishing its proposed position statement on benefits, rewards and incentives for organ donation, and inviting public comment, TRIO solicited input especially from its Chapters and members. With no significant opposition, the TRIO Board of Directors formally adopted the position statement on November 18, 2008.

[Click here](#) for TRIO’s Position Statement on Incentives for Organ Donation

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