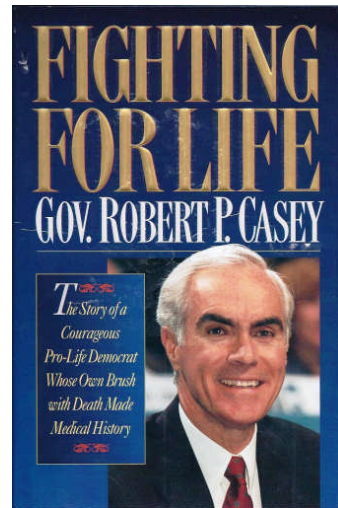


A Review of  
***Fighting for Life (1996)***  
Author: Gov. Robert P. Casey

Anyone interested in organ transplant has probably heard about the governor of Pennsylvania who received a life saving heart and liver transplant back in June of 1993. This was noteworthy for several reasons, mainly as governor and a potential presidential front-runner, Gov. Casey was political news. Secondly, the story of his young donor came out even as he was still in surgery by accident given all the news media around the hospital at the time. Third, it was falsely assumed that somehow he had been bumped up the waiting list because of his position, something that was proven not true in the weeks after.



What some may not know however was that after his recovery and return to the role of governor, he led in creating state legislation that improved the organ donation process and later that became the law of the land when it was adopted at the federal level modeled after the Pennsylvania law he championed benefitting thousands in the years that followed.

While this is truly a political autobiography with that chapter 11 transplant story buried deep in that volume, it is also great testimony to the amazing recovery possible after such major surgery as we read of Casey's exploits upon returning to the very hard role of governor. He left office in 1995 and became one of the first presidents of TRIO, Transplant Recipients International Organization, which is still alive and well these almost 20 years later.

Note: This hardcover book is available on-line at [Amazon](https://www.amazon.com).

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