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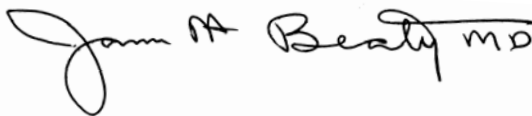
Commissioner Carlyle C. Ring, Jr.  
Chairman  
Drafting Committee on the Uniform Anatomical Gift Act (2006)  
National Conference of Commissioners on Union State Laws  
211 E Ontario St., Suite 1300  
Chicago, IL 60611

Dear Commissioner Ring,

The American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons (AAOS/Academy), representing over 19,000 Board certified orthopaedic surgeons, welcomes the opportunity to endorse the National Conference of Commissioners on Union State Laws (NCCUSL) 2006 Revised Uniform Anatomical Gift Act (UAGA/Act). The AAOS is committed to advocating for patient safety, and believes that uniformity of state laws pertaining to tissue, organ, and eye donation will enhance the quality and availability of these medically necessary transplants.

The Academy commends the NCCUSL for their efforts to coordinate and unify anatomical gift laws throughout the country. The Academy is pleased to offer its endorsement for the 2006 Revised Uniform Anatomical Gift Act. We look forward to supporting the implementation of this Act and future efforts to increase patient safety.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James H. Beaty MD". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "J".

James H. Beaty, MD  
President