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## Colorado House of Representatives

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### MEDIA AVAILABILITY

#### **Rep. Borodkin presents tribute to Steve Farber and the American Transplant Foundation to kick off National Donate Life Month in April**

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#### **Transplant doctors and experts on hand**

**What:** Media Availability with Rep. Alice Borodkin, D- Denver and Senator Shawn Mitchell, R- Broomfield and American Transplant Foundation guests and doctors to recognize the upcoming National Donate Life Month in April.

**Why:** American Transplant Foundation will be recognized on the House Floor at 10:00am for its work in promoting organ transplants by developing collaborative efforts among transplant organizations both locally and nationally.

"I am very honored to be receiving this tribute in recognition of our efforts to create awareness among the citizens of Colorado to increase the number of life-saving organ transplant operations," said Steve Farber, founder, kidney recipient, and president of the law firm, Brownstein Hyatt & Farber.

The tribute leads into National Donate Life Month in April. Last year, 395 Coloradan's received a life-saving organ transplant; however, another 1,605 Colorado residents are currently waiting for an organ transplant. Nationally, almost 91,000 people are on a waiting list, and of them, more than 6,500 will die every year while waiting, or 18 every day. The American Transplant Foundation is working towards increasing the number of organ transplants conducted, thereby increasing the number of lives saved. To register to be an organ donor, Coloradans can log onto [www.ColoradoDonorRegistry.org](http://www.ColoradoDonorRegistry.org).

**When:** Monday, March 13, 2006, 9:30 a.m.

\*\* House Joint Resolution and dedication at 10am on the floor\*\*

**Where:** Colorado State Capitol, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor Press room 326, Denver, CO

#### **Who:**

- Rep. Alice Borodkin, D- Denver
- Senator Shawn Mitchell, R- Broomfield
- Steve Farber, Kidney recipient, President of the law firm, Brownstein Hyatt & Farber
- Gregg Farber, kidney donor and son of Steve Farber
- Heidi Heltzel, executive director of the American Transplant Foundation;
- Dr. Larry Chan, Director, transplant nephrology, University of Colorado Health Sciences Center;
- Dr. Igal Kam, Chief of Transplantation, University of Colorado Health Sciences Center.

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