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The Hon. Samuel Thumma & UDDA Commission Members

The ULC considered revisions to the UDDA are yet further progressions of the fundamental errors foreseen when the "Brain Death"- BD - concept was first presented.

Language is important; BD, a concept only, is indeed an abstraction and without a coherent rationality as to any actual biological death or dysfunction of the entire organism.

The body of law concerning transplant management already violates patient privacy and confidentiality, vitiates the Hippocratic underlayment of medicine, makes a mockery of the principle of true consent, and deceives the citizen as to the facts and consequences of "donation". Also, the resort to legislative enactment of your proposals alone, bypassing public education and debate through an initiative process, is anti-democratic and contemptuous of the values that the public franchise entails.

Taken together, the redefinitions of the UDDA intend the denial of the scientific proofs of life in BD, avoid any responsibility to define true death, (decomposition), submit the meaning of "person" to legislative fiat, and now, again after 65 years, enable the commodification the disabled patient - the "life unworthy of life".

Seen from my viewpoint of proper morals and medicine, the UCL proposals extending the UDDA will surely "sew the wind".

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