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Honorable Samuel Thumma, Chairman
Members of the Determination of Death Act Committee
Uniform Laws Commission
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Dear Mr. Thumma and Members of the Committee:

During discussion and debate of potential new revised language of the UDDA, the Definition of Death Act, I find it impossible to believe that the Committee would be seriously considering language that would include a person in a coma being declared "brain dead". Why wouldn't the Committee have rejected this criterion out of hand? Other provisions are similarly disgraceful and unconscionable with their deadly ultimate purpose.

How callous and inhumane can the members be??? We are not living in Nazi Germany where some lives were routinely considered "not worthy to live" - where the medical profession and their political counterparts considered human life expendable on a whim.

No, this is America where, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness." This Creator is the Author of Life, and as such has the sole Right to call His human creatures "home" at His choosing - not a doctor (not even a team of pagan doctors who are thinking only in terms of utilitarian outcomes) has this Right.

I beg each of you to come to grips with what is at stake with your decision, your vote on the whole idea of defining "brain death." You are deciding that some organ donors should die, can actually be killed (subjected to sterilized homicide) so that someone else might live.

The proposed language is giving others the power to "play God." Do you have that Right? Consult your conscience! Consult the Natural Law which is written on your heart! Have Mercy and Compassion on the vulnerable donor who most likely "knew not what he was doing" when he gave his consent for what the mis-led "do-gooders" were telling him was a humanitarian act.

Please repeal the UDDA in its entirety! I will pray for you, that you gain Wisdom and Divine Inspiration as you make these momentous decisions. May the Holy Spirit enlighten you!

Sincerely,



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