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**Subject: Letter to Uniform Law Commission** 

**Date:** Feb 9, 2023

To: Uniform Law Commission

RE: Saniyah Hughes Moore

Birthdate: January 4, 2022

Admitted to Hospital January 16, 2022

Said to be "brain dead" except for apnea test on January 21, 2022

Scheduled for Apnea Test January 24, 2022

Crystal Hughes Moore, mother of Saniyah Hughes Moore, objected to Apnea Test.

Saniyah passed on January 14, 2023

Saniyah Hughes Moore was determined to be "brain dead" except for apnea test. Because I refused the apnea test, I was retaliated against. They started to change the ventilator settings where the CO2 went from normal ranges to out of normal range.

Saniyah was moving more during the two weeks after her waking up from her coma and I was told they were just reflexes and she was not alive. Saniyah continued to recover, and I was continuously told she was not alive. My daughter was triggering breaths, moving her limbs, responded to noises, music and love, yet she was denied treatment.

A doctor told me they didn't treat her because they didn't think she was going to live. It was a nightmare to watch my child be mistreated instead of treated. After finding outside sources, I was able to fight for my daughter's life but because of the neglect and allowing of the brain swelling she left the hospital in serious condition. After being on the ventilator for so long they said she had lung disease.

She suffered due to the Uniform Determination of Death Act (UDDA). She was neglected. I was even stopped from seeing my child. My child was even taken from me because I refuse to send her to a hospital that would only admit her if she got the apnea test and that I wanted her to go elsewhere.

The fact that the head doctor of the ER in my area is a huge advocate for organ donation, I feel like my daughter never had a chance. I was told there were no one that survived my daughter's condition and it was furthest from the truth. My daughter did not pass because of her brain condition, she passed because of medical neglect because of the treatment of people that has been listed as brain dead. Even though they never put in writing they spread rumors around the hospital that my daughter was dead. Can you tell me how could she die twice? Do we physically die twice? No, we do not. She was alive and if she had a chance to be treated like a living patient, a patient that has the right to recovery, no matter how much that might be, she could possibly have been in a better condition.

Thank you,

Crystal Hughes

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