

Health and Social Care Committee
Human Transplantation (Wales) Bill
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To whom it may concern

I wish to register my opposition to the introduction of 'presumed consent' in organ donation. Presumed consent is not another form of consent, as it involves no actual consent at all on the part of the potential donor, who cannot be termed a donor either, as the organ/s would be harvested without any prior agreement on their part. It would hand too much power to the state and override the rights of the family. I already have grave misgivings about the use of brain-stem death as the criterion for deciding when organs may be removed, and I can only foresee the ethical questions becoming more confused as a result of a policy which appears to be pushing the harvesting of organs above all other considerations.

Yours faithfully

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