

## Consultation on Presumed consent Organ Donation

I would like to express my concern and opposition to any attempt by government to assume consent to those who have not agreed to organ donation at their death . The human body is not the property of the state but of God who created it and sustains it while life lasts . The wishes of family members to honour the bodies of their nearest and dearest at death is also a recognized human right since time began and among all cultures . While many people who have considered this matter have decided to donate organs , the state must respect that others have not so consented and that some have personal and conscientious objections or reservations . Furthermore , family members should not be put under any pressure or find themselves with no say in the case of a sudden death of a relative where the deceased has not made a decision to donate . In such cases, the state should seek ,obtain and respect the wishes of remaining family members. To do otherwise introduces a very dangerous precedent in connection with individual rights and liberties .

The powers of the state to affect our lives has reached a very uncomfortable level during COVID where movements of people have been greatly restricted . At one point church services were even disallowed in parts of the UK until this

was rightly challenged and overturned . The state exists ,  
under God, to protect the individual and the family , to  
punish evil and to do justly to all its citizens . The presumed  
right proposed legislation sets a very dangerous precedent  
and as such I would ask those in government not to introduce  
this new legislation but to keep the "opt in" arrangements as  
they are

Yours sincerely

