Dear Committee,

FEAR. That is what is keeping people from being organ donors.

Personally, I feel more should be done to install confidence in the public that their lives will not be prematurely ended

to harvest organs. You might feel that the public is aware that would never happen - but how many share that view?

I believe there are a multitude of people that are leery of signing the organ donor card because they feel they have no one

to fight for their life should things look questionable. People do not fully trust your program that one Doctor might say they are going to die and ask for their organs - but what if there would have been a chance that they might somehow survive and that Doctor let them die prematurely, or without doing more to save them?

What if the choice is made to allow them to die when something more can be done? Just to get their organs.

People truly feel that way and this is why they do not become organ donors. They are afraid to sign the organ donor card.

I see your ads asking for the public to sign the card but your ads are not addressing <u>fear</u>. There are some people that do not want the Doctor to know they are organ donors for this very reason.

They may have no problem donating organs once they are truly past the point of no return, but do not want some Doctor to make that call, based on whether he can get their organs. They want to know the call is made after there truly is no other way and the fact that they might feel they have no family advocate that they trust to fight for their life - or do not trust the medical system - people are leery to sign your organ donor card.

I feel that your campaigns should educate the public that are AFRAID to sign the organ donor card. People are waiting for you to convince them, show them, tell them, how their life will not

be let go prematurely to get their organs. The public understands that they must be dead to harvest organs - but they do not know that someone will not give up on them or allow them to die

sooner - when they find out that they are organ donors.

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