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To: Public Health and Human
Services; Judiciary A

HOUSE BILL NO. 989

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE'S OFFICIAL POSITION IS TO
2 SUSTAIN LIFE WHEN CONFLICTS ARISE REGARDING REMOVAL OF LIFE
3 SUPPORT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

5 **SECTION 1.** When a person is kept alive through a life
6 support system and there is a division, conflicting testimony or
7 preferences between family members about keeping or removing the
8 life support system and the person on the life support system has
9 no living will, the official position of the state is that the
10 person's life should be sustained and therefore the life support
11 system shall not be removed. All courts in the state shall follow
12 this position in any case where the conditions described in this
13 section are present.

14 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
15 and after its passage.