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Subject: Schiavo Situation

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You can't just stick a tube in and forget about the whole thing. You would still need someone to clean the body, deal with the waste, rotate the body every so often (otherwise, clots tend to form which can block blood flow and cause death), perform tests to make sure that, yes, she's still a vegetable, keep records, etc.

Over the course of years, the cost of keeping a body on life support with medical staff caring for it, can rise into the millions of dollars. Especially, as in this case, when the body can do nothing to aid the medical staff. That's an awful lot of money to be spending on someone who isn't really THERE anymore. Money that should be going into care for patients who are still alive, and who have some hope of recovery- not for bodies with no capacity for emotion, thought, or feeling.

BTW, has anyone even looked at the CAT scan of this woman's head? The only thing that's even working in there is the brain stem- you can't think with that, you can't feel with that. The lights are on, but nobody's home.

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