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MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF MORTICIANS AND FUNERAL DIRECTORS

January 20, 2020

The Honorable Bryan W. Simonaire
Education, Health & Environmental Affairs
Miller Senate Office Building
11 Bladen Street
Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: Letter of Support with Amendments for SB 84 – Funeral Establishments and Crematories
– Unclaimed Cremains of Veterans Notification, Disposition, and Reporting.

Dear Senator Simonaire:

The Maryland State Board of Morticians and Funeral Directors (“Board”) supports with amendments SB 84 – Funeral Establishments and Crematories – Unclaimed Cremains of Veterans Notification, Disposition, and Reporting.

The Board supports the two (2) amendments proposed by your office of the language in Section 2 of the bill regarding the new reporting responsibility of the Maryland Board of Morticians and Funeral Directors. The Board determined that amendments to SB 84 that remove the responsibilities for data collection and enforcement would also mitigate any negative or direct impact to the Maryland Board of Morticians and Funeral Directors. In further consideration of SB 84 with these amendments, the Board found that there is no fiscal impact to the Board’s operations, functions or duties.

Thank you for your consideration of this letter of support with amendments for SB 84. The Maryland State Board of Morticians and Funeral Directors respectfully requests a favorable report of SB 84 with these amendments.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Mark E. Bailey
President

Maryland State Board of Morticians and Funeral Directors

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