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Dear Senator Elfreth:

I understand that bills (HB 1168/SB 1028) for the “Green Death Care Options Act” are being reviewed in the House and Senate Committees. I write to express my strong support for these measures, and hope that you too will support them and encourage their passage.

As we face the ravages of a warming earth it is incumbent on all of us to pursue measures to reduce our carbon footprint. Funeral practices like cremation and embalming have a profound impact on the environment. Conventional burial consumes valuable land, which especially struck home to me on a recent trip to New York, passing acres of cemeteries. It also pollutes the soil and contributes to climate change through the resource-intensive manufacture and transport of caskets, headstones and grave liners.

Additionally, burial costs can be steep and pose a heavy burden on families of limited means. Green burials can provide a less expensive burial option.

Please help to bring the Act into effect.

Yours truly,

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