

March 1, 2024

The Honorable Brian Feldman, Chair  
Education, Energy and Environment Committee

The Honorable Joseline A. Pena-Melnyk, Chair  
Health and Government Operations Committee

Maryland General Assembly  
State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: **HB 1168 / SB 1028 – The Green Death Care Options Act**

Dear Chair Feldman and Chair Pena-Melnyk:

I am writing to urge your Committees for a favorable report on the Maryland Green Death Care Options Act.

From the perspective of an environmentally conscious Maryland voter with aging parents who live in the State, I believe there is no reason that natural organic reduction (NOR) and water cremation should be withheld as an option from Maryland families. Water cremation and NOR should be available for people who are committed to a greener lifestyle because the environmental impact of conventional funerals is entirely avoidable with these better death care options. With so many other states already proving the science and reliability of these options, Maryland can have no excuse for lagging behind.

Please step up to support this legislation because it's the right thing to do for Maryland families seeking greener alternatives for death care.

Sincerely,

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