

March 4th, 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 my perspective, I believe there is no reason that natural organic reduction and water cremation should be withheld from Maryland families. We can't afford to not utilize strategies and methods which will make our planet greener and safer for all. Water cremation and NOR should be options for people who committed to a greener lifestyle before death because the environmental impact of conventional funerals is entirely avoidable with these better death care options. Now that so many other states have proven the science and reliability of these options, Maryland can have no excuse for lagging behind.

Even though I am a DC resident, being so close to Maryland means that I am equally invested in environmental actions that Maryland takes.

Please step up to support this legislation because it's the right thing to do.

Sincerely,

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