

March 4, 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 to support the Maryland Green Death Care Options Act.

I recently earned my doctorate from the University of Maryland in Plant Science where my research focused on organic soil amendments and nutrient cycles. I see no reason that natural organic reduction and water cremation should be withheld from Maryland families. These burial options are safe, sustainable, and comforting options for families, like mine, seeking green burials for loved ones. I would be happy to answer any questions that you have about the composting process or about what can be expected when transformed remains are returned to the earth.

I hope that you'll join me in supporting this legislation.

Sincerely,

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