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*Via Email*

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

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

RE: **HB 1128 / SB 1068 – The Green Death Care Options Act**

Dear Chair Feldman and Chair Pena-Melnyk:


We write to strongly urge your Committees for a favorable report on the **Maryland Green Death Care Options Act**. This is essential legislation that provides choice at end of life and is aligned with Maryland's sustainability goals.

We care deeply about protecting our environment and are committed to pursuing a more sustainable lifestyle. The impact of conventional funerals is troubling and is avoidable with better death care options. We were excited to learn of natural organic reduction (NOR) and water cremation. The science and reliability of these options is well-established and many other states support NOR and water cremation. We believe there is ***absolutely no rational reason*** that these sustainable options should be withheld from Maryland families.

This is a profoundly personal, impactful and sacred decision. Maryland must not lag behind other states or unduly limit options for its citizens.

Please support this legislation.

Sincerely,



Maureen, John & Emerson Hardwick

cc: Delegate Bonnie Cullison, Vice Chair Health and Government Operations Committee