February 29, 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 Char Pena-Melnyk:

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

As a social entrepreneur and advocate, I believe that natural organic reduction and water cremation should be widely available to all Maryland families. Water cremation and NOR should be options for people such as myself, and those I serve, who are committed to a greener lifestyle. The environmental impact of conventional funerals can significantly be reduced with these better death care options. Now that so many other states have proven the science and reliability of these options, Maryland has no excuse for lagging behind.

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

Sincerely,

Kaye V. Love Baltimore, Maryland