## **Testimony In Support of HB1060**

For several years, I've researched the process of Natural Organic Reduction and tracked bills like HB1060 in states across the country. When I die, I want my remains disposed of with as close to "zero impact" on the environment as possible. I want my body given back to 'Mother Earth,' as safely and completely as possible. This means a great deal to me and Natural Organic Reduction, which HB1060 would permit, is a proven method for doing that.

The fact that legislatures in Washington, California, Oregon, Colorado, Vermont, and New York have legalized Natural Organic Reduction shows how many citizens want access to this safe, environmentally responsible procedure.

I urge you to pass HB1060 and make Natural Organic Reduction available in Maryland.

With thanks,

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