

March 28, 2023

The Honorable Melony G. Griffith, Chair
Senate Finance Committee
Miller Senate Office Building, 3 East Wing
11 Bladen Street
Annapolis, MD 21401

**RE: Please make my end-of-life choices sustainable with a favorable report on HB 1060 –
Cremation - Natural Organic Reduction**

Dear Chair Griffith:

I have lived in Jefferson, Maryland for nearly 50 years, and in communicating my end-of-life wishes to my family I have always asked to be composted – I am thrilled that we may be close to a world in which my family can realistically carry out that wish here in Maryland. I write to urge your favorable report on HB 1060 – Cremation – Natural Organic Reduction. Cremation uses fossil fuels and releases carbon dioxide into our atmosphere, and embalming fluid is toxic - it is time to make greener funeral choices available. Natural Organic Reduction is a safe alternative with years of research behind it. We live in a solar powered and heated home with a composting toilet, drive an electric car, grow much of our own food, and have worked hard to live sustainably. I believe I should have the choice to die sustainably too.

Please vote YES on HB 1060.

Thank you,

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