

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

HB 1060

**RE: HB 1060 – Cremation - Natural Organic Reduction
Regulation: Support - Favorable with Amendments**

Dear Chair Griffith:

I have long been concerned that embalming fluid that leaks into our soil during with the embalming process to prepare a body for burial. I'm also concerned about the funeral workers who handle known carcinogens regularly. Traditional burial takes up permanent land resources and requires that our land be filled with metal and wood for caskets and cement and steel for grave liners. Cremation releases carbon dioxide as well as other toxins like mercury into our air and uses fossil fuels. When I die, I'd like to have a real option, to improve my water and soil rather than harm it. I implore you to give a favorable report on HB 1060. Please vote YES for Natural Organic Reduction. I hope to have this option when my times comes.

Thank you,

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