



RECOMPOSE

Maryland Health and Governmental Operations Committee

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Chair Pena-Melnyk, Members of the Committee, my name is Katrina Spade, CEO of Recompose. We strongly support HB 1060. Recompose is a licensed funeral home based in Seattle, WA, that provides natural organic reduction to the public.

Natural organic reduction has been proven safe and effective and has been used in agricultural settings for over three decades. As a human death care option, it is already legal in six states including California and New York. It has been practiced safely since 2020 in Washington State.

Natural organic reduction provides significant savings in carbon emissions over conventional funeral options, using just 1/8 the energy of cremation and saving over a metric ton of carbon dioxide per person who chooses it.

I ask for your aye vote. Thank you.