

Written Testimony to SUPPORT  
House Bill 1060  
Natural Organic Reduction

Hello,

My name is Dixcy Bosley and I have been an end of life nurse (AIDS, oncology, hospice ) for over 35 years in DC and MD. With a growing interest in protecting our fragile ecosystem as a final legacy, many of my patients have asked me about green burial options. A movement from traditional burial to cremation is only one favored solution recognizing the wastefulness and environmental hazards of current embalming and interment practices.

The green burial movement has been embraced by many as a sustainable, affordable and ecological alternative. Choice at end of life is important. It is empowering. When people are losing their lives, it is significant for them and surviving family members to plan for a burial consistent with their values. Choosing a final resting place among trees and park space, somewhere in nature to be visited and enjoyed is an ultimate wish I have heard many patients express.

Therefore, as a clinician with a vast appreciation for end of life planning, I fully support HB1060 to amend the current law by adding Natural Organic Reduction ( NOR) as another choice for the residents of Maryland.

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