

**Senate Bill 893**

Education, Environment, and Transportation Committee  
February 27, 2024

**Position: FAVORABLE**

Dear Chair Feldman and members of the committee,

As a member organization in the York Road Partnership, we understand the long battle that communities near this proposed crematorium have had to attempt to keep an incinerator from their neighborhoods. We support the community and its efforts to protect this residential neighborhood from housing a human crematorium.

The surrounding communities have demonstrated how much is at stake in this issue, from health concerns to property value concerns. The communities include neighborhoods where we have successfully settled dozens of homeowners over the past few decades, and where a new homebuyer is about to be settled, in the Woodbourne-McCabe community, within a matter of weeks. We understand that many homeowners in the immediate community by the crematorium, and neighboring ones, like Woodbourne-McCabe, are deeply invested in not having this incinerator present in their local surroundings.

We urge a favorable vote for SB893, which would require a 1000 foot setback for new crematorium incinerators from homes, schools, and daycares.

Respectfully submitted,



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