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The Honorable Pamela Beidle, Chair
Senate Finance Committee
3 East Miller Senate Office Building
11 Bladen Street
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re: Senate Bill 671 – Office of Cemetery Oversight – Study of Deathcare and Funeral Practices

Dear Chair Beidle:

I am writing on behalf of the Maryland Cemetery and Cremation Association (“MCCA”) in Support with Amendments of Senate Bill 671.

Senate Bill 671 requires the Office of Cemetery Oversight, in consultation with other executive departments, to conduct a comprehensive study of the impacts of deathcare and funeral practices on the environment and public health of the State.

On page 3, lines 18 through 26, the Office of Cemetery Oversight is required to solicit input from a number of trade groups and organizations. The Maryland Cemetery and Cremation Association respectfully requests to be included with the named trade groups and organizations.

Founded in 1916, the MCCA represents the shared interests and concerns of professionals across the spectrum of Maryland’s “death care” industries.

Thank you for your consideration of the Amendment to Senate Bill 671.

Sincerely,

John R. Stierhoff

cc: Members, Senate Finance Committee