SB0671 Office of Cemetery Oversight - Study of Deathcare and Funeral Practices

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Dear Chair, Vice Chair and Finance Committee Members,

My name is Jennifer Johnson and I am the Founder of Friends of St. Peter's Cemetery. The cemetery was opened in 1851 and is the hallowed ground for approximately 15,000 individuals who worked and lived in West Baltimore. My cemetery work has been recognized and honored by several local organizations and has been featured multiple times in the past few years on all local news networks.

At some point in time unfortunately every person in our state will die. We sadly lost many people unexpectedly during these last several years because of the COVID19 pandemic. It is important for us as a state to ensure proper environmental health. With more and more people opting for cremation it is important for us to understand how death care and funeral practices effect our environment.

I unfortunately, could not provide oral testimony due to other commitments. However, I ask that you please support SB0671 Office of Cemetery Oversight - Study of Deathcare and Funeral Practices.

Thanks for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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