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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 631 – Commission on Abandoned and Neglected Maryland Cemeteries –
Establishment

Dear Chair Beidle:

I am writing on behalf of the Maryland Cemetery and Cremation Association (“MCCA”) in Support with Amendments of Senate Bill 631.

Senate Bill 631 establishes the Commission on Abandoned and Neglected Maryland Cemeteries within the Office of Cemetery Oversight. The Commission’s voting membership includes a wide range of individuals representing interests throughout the state. However, it does not include any person specifically representing the cemetery industry.

The Maryland Cemetery and Cremation Association respectfully requests to be included as a voting member of the Commission. The MCCA was founded in 1916 and 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 631.

Sincerely,

John R. Stierhoff

cc: Members, Senate Finance Committee