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I have worked many years, long hours away from my family to earn and obtain my Funeral Director & Mortician license. I have studied in Mortuary school, 3 state exams (DC, VA, & MD), taken CEUs among many other accolades. I have fine-tuned and crafted my skills to be able to practice in the death care industry all while learning the laws, rules and regulations of each state and the FTC. We are a highly detailed, imperative service to the community. I take great pride in the sacrifices I and my family have made over the years to be able to serve my community in their most vulnerable times of loss. To allow a “non-profit” version of a Funeral Home to open and operate in the great State of Maryland is reckless. They are not held to the same standards as your “average” funeral home nor are they required to follow the same rules and regulations as us. This opens the door for the consumer (our community) to be taken advantage of, receive subpar services and quite frankly is blatantly disrespectful to the licensed professionals who work hard to uphold and provide quality services within the realm of the law(s). Morally and ethically, passing this bill would be a huge, embarrassing disservice to our community. Where are the funds going to be held for preneed accounts? Where are the funds going to come from when there is a lawsuit because of their inexperience and negligence? Who is funding this and where did that money come from? Who will oversee and regulate the daily operations of said “funeral home”? Taxpayers will pay for the fallout. Upstanding Funeral Homes in our community will suffer from the non-profit’s inevitable mistakes and lose the trust we have built for decades. The Attorney General assigned to assist the Board of Morticians allowed Heaven Bound to disgrace our namesake for over a decade and did so knowingly. Do you really want to open Pandora’s box by allowing a fractured system to allow a” non-profit” to operate freely and unregulated with no experience? I would certainly not want my name to be associated with this alleged non-profit when it inevitably implodes.