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The Honorable Joseline A. Peña-Melnyk, Chair House Health & Government Operations Committee 240 Taylor House Office Building 6 Bladen Street Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re: House Bill 509 – Maryland Inventory of Cemeteries and Burial Sites Workgroup - Establishment

Dear Chair Peña-Melnyk:

I am writing on behalf of the Maryland Cemetery and Cremation Association ("MCCA") in Support with Amendments of House Bill 509.

House Bill 509 establishes the Maryland Inventory of Cemeteries and Burial Sites Workgroup in order to study issues related to the establishment and maintenance of a State cemetery inventory system.

The Maryland Cemetery and Cremation Association respectfully requests to be included as a member of the Workgroup. 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 House Bill 509.

Sincerely,

John R. Stierhoff

cc: Members, House Health & Government Operations Committee