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The Honorable William C. Smith, Jr.  
Chair, Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee  
2 East Miller Senate Office Building  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re: Senate Bill 624 – Relocation of Human Remains – Authorization Process

Dear Chair Smith:

I am writing on behalf of the Maryland Cemetery and Cremation Association (“MCCA”) in Support of Senate Bill 624.

Senate Bill 624 seeks to clarify the administrative process that a person seeking to permanently relocate human remains is required to adhere to. While the current process for relocation and reinterment can be lengthy and stressful for a family and include significant delays for a person while seeking authorization from a State’s Attorney, MCCA supports proposals that will ensure appropriate review and consideration of any issue arising from relocation and reinterment.

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

The Maryland Cemetery and Cremation Association respectfully requests the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee to Support Senate Bill 624.

Sincerely,

John R. Stierhoff

cc: Members, Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee