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Dear Chair Patterson and Members of the Committee,

I, Jessica DeAngelo, on behalf of [Promessa®](#) am pleased to offer my support for HB 2574.

For the last 15 years I have been involved with a company, Promessa® that has been working on a truly sustainable solution for end of life. I dedicated my undergraduate senior thesis project to researching the death care industry's environmental impact. In order to preserve this beautiful earth, we have to be brave enough to rethink deathcare beyond traditional methods of burial and cremation. Both of these methods are fraught with negative environmental impacts including greenhouse gas emissions, chemicals of concern, and wasted land space that could be otherwise utilized by your constituents.

Created by Susanne Wiigh-Mäsak, a Swedish biologist, Promession® is a process by which human remains would undergo cryogenic freezing, then vibration to disintegrate the body particles to eventually be used in a dust coffin that can be buried and truly returned as nature intended "dust to dust." This method has distinct advantages, ultimately returning human remains into soil in under one year.

While not yet available in the United States, passing of this bill will help facilitate a market in which Promession® would be a legalized option in the death care industry. It is my sincere hope that by passing this house bill 2574, Oregon will benefit from having a variety of sustainable and affordable options including but not limited to Promession®, for death care alternatives that preserve our earth for future generations.

Please see more about this method here: [How Promession Works](#)

I ask for your support of this important legislation.

Thank you,



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