

To the Committee:

I support this bill because I believe the death industry needs some healthy competition and this alternative will benefit our state in the following ways:

1. Every person who chooses to be composted, reduces the BOD load on the sewage treatment plants downstream of funeral homes doing the embalming or reduces the use of natural gas if cremation were the alternative. In either case, it is a net gain for our environment.
2. We should not have to send our bodies to Washington to take advantage of this most natural way to end our journey here on earth.

Our family hopes you will support this bill.

Sincerely,

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