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## MEMORIAL CHAPEL

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TO: State of Oregon, regarding HB3127

Subject: Testimony in Support of HB3127

*I am writing to express my strong support for HB3127. It seems unnecessary that I need to submit a letter to advocate for this change, as it is clear that the practice of offering a "drop to paper" option for vital records, such as death certificates, is outdated and no longer sensible. However, I feel compelled to do so, as it is still an issue that needs to be addressed.*

*As the owner of two funeral homes in Oregon and two in Washington, I have firsthand experience with the challenges this outdated practice creates. In Washington, the state does not offer a "drop to paper" option for death certificates, and this has proven to be far more efficient and beneficial for both funeral homes and grieving families. In rare cases in Oregon, when my office administrator is unable to find an Oregon doctor to complete the certificate electronically, the delays in issuing certified copies cause unnecessary stress during an already difficult time.*

*The current policy of allowing vital records like death certificates to be "dropped to paper" is inefficient and counterproductive. HB3127 has the potential to fix this issue and streamline the process, making it more timely and responsive for those who need it most.*

*I urge you to support the passage of HB3127 to bring Oregon's vital record procedures into the modern era.*

*Thank you for your attention to this important matter.*

*Respectfully,*

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