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The care of a patient does not end at death. There is a death certificate that needs to be completed in a timely fashion. This document is so important that it can mean literally "losing the farm" for some if not received in a timely fashion.

Doctors that still utilize the drop to paper jeopardize their reputation by not using a relevant method and being the reason that a process that normally takes a week can take upwards of a month. Scenarios such as paper death certificates getting lost, amendments being needed with affidavits being signed by the doctor or just sitting on desk somewhere because no one called the funeral home to say that it's ready to be picked up are an all-too-common occurrence.

There is also the time and expense of funeral home staff driving to multiple locations to pick up and deliver it, not to mention the emissions and environmental impact. Furthermore, county employees must spend more time processing paper death certificates, which costs taxpayers' money.

In the year 2025 it should be an embarrassment to every doctor that has a smartphone in their pocket not to be able to or refuse to register to sign a death certificate electronically.

This is why I support HB 3127.