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I fully support the requirement for doctors to electronically sign death certificates. As an administrative assistant in the industry, I've witnessed firsthand the significant impact this change can make. When doctors sign electronically, death certificates can often be registered the same day. Even when funeral homes gather all the necessary information at the time of arrangement, the additional step of physically delivering the certificate can delay the process. Physical copies are also more prone to errors—documents can be misplaced or completed incorrectly, requiring an entirely new copy. These issues can extend the waiting period for families from days to even weeks.

Electronic signatures benefit doctors as well. The online portal streamlines the process, making information entry faster and more efficient. If there's a mistake, it can be corrected instantly without waiting for a new form. In OVERS, doctors can easily view and manage all pending certificates in one place, instead of sorting through paperwork. This allows them to continue their care for patients, even after death.

Death certificates are an essential part of the grieving process, helping families take care of necessary legal matters. Passing this bill will ease undue stress for families and empower both doctors and funeral home staff to provide the highest level of care and service.

Thank you for your time,

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