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Cc: House Corporations Committee; Rep. Solomon, Joseph J. Jr.
Subject: Support S2877/H7212

Dear Members of the RI Senate Health and Human Services Committee,
Natural organic reduction (NOR) or human composting is currently legal in 8 states. **We urge the Legislature to approve the addition of Rhode Island to the list by passing S2877/7212.**

As residents of Rhode Island and firm believers in giving back to the land, natural organic reduction is how we would like our bodies processed at death. The ecological, environmental effects of one human composted delivers one cubic yard of compost back to the earth that could nourish the growth of plants and crops.

Rationale for legalizing the human composting option is that traditional burials use millions of gallons of toxic embalming fluid that goes into the ground, tens of thousands tons of metals and concrete as well as wood for caskets that fell trees that absorb carbon out of the ground. Even in cremation, the process uses fossil fuels and leads to carbon emissions upwards of driving a car nearly 500 miles, it's said. In an effort to think responsibly of the environment, particularly in its increasingly fragile state, I strongly appeal to you to bring this burial option to the table.

We am currently in our late 70's/early 80's and would like reassurance that the energy once contained within our bodies can be returned to the land in RI rather than having our bodies moved to another state where we have no emotional affiliation.

While natural organic reduction may not be a choice for all, **we strongly appeal to you to approve this burial option for Rhode Island.**

Thank you for your consideration and support for the option to choose this alternative to traditional burial or cremation.

Respectfully,

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