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To whom it may concern:

I am writing in support of legislation (S2877/H7212) that would allow for natural organic reduction in the state of Rhode Island as an alternative to traditional burial or cremation. I have long been interested in this option being legalized and made available to consumers across the country and have watched as other states have allowed for its practice. I see this type of disposition as most aligned with my personal values and appreciate that individuals would have the option to consider or choose it. To do so takes away no rights of others to choose burial or cremation.

In addition, it has positive benefits for the environment in that it creates soil to be used however an individual/designated individuals see fit (such as planting of trees) and does not release toxic chemicals into the ground, air, or water. It also requires less energy to complete and does not use up land in the process.

Individuals should have choice of what they would like to do with their remains after they die. Recognizing and legalizing new processes that are available which are more environmentally friendly, energy-efficient, and beneficial, even, is a logical step. I have always said that I would love to be part of the reason for a natural space continue to thrive and to have a physical space such as a park or garden or forest where my loved ones could remember me. This legislation would help make that a reality and provide a wonderful option for others to consider.

Thank you,

Mikel Wadewitz

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