

Lou Mansolillo

From: Carol Czaja <czajacarol@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 4, 2025 9:50 AM
To: House Corporations Committee
Subject: H5110 For Passage of Natural Organic Reduction (NOR)

Dear Members of the House Corporations Committee,
For several years I have been collecting articles on Natural Organic Reduction, also referred to as human composting, recompose and return home burials.

In an effort to think responsibly about the environment, particularly in its increasingly fragile state, I strongly appeal to you to pass H 5110.

Further 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.

It is time to add this burial option into RI law.

I will be turning 80 in a few months and as a resident of RI, I would like reassurance that the energy once contained within my own body can be returned to the land in RI rather than having my body moved to another state where composting is legal but where I have no emotional connection.

While natural organic reduction may not be a choice for all, I strongly appeal to you to bring this burial option into RI Law. I have sent similar messages to Senator Sosnowski and Rep McEntee, my own legislators, in the past but was so pleased to stay in communication with Rep McGraw about the action on green burials in general over the past two years.

I am asking the House Corporations Committee to pass the Natural Organic Reduction bill into law so it can become another choice for residents of RI.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my written testimony on H 5110.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Czaja
9 Greenbriar Place
Kingston, RI 02881

czajacarol@gmail.com
401-782-1753 landline
765-427-7542 mobile