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LD 536

Dear Members of the Maine Legislature,

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for LD 536, "An Act to Provide Natural Organic Reduction Facilities for Maine Residents for the Conversion of Human Remains to Soil."

Return Home is dedicated to providing an environmentally sustainable option for the disposition of human remains, and we believe that natural organic reduction is the most ethical and responsible way to do so. Our facility uses a carefully controlled process that, with very low inputs, transforms human remains into life-giving soil.

One of the key benefits of natural organic reduction is its positive impact on the environment. Traditional burial and cremation methods can be incredibly resource-intensive and produce large amounts of waste and emissions. NOR not only reduces the amount of waste generated by end-of-life practices, but also provides valuable nutrients to return to our soil. By supporting natural organic reduction facilities, Maine can take a significant step towards a more sustainable and environmentally responsible approach to end-of-life practices.

If LD 536 is passed, it will provide an important regulatory framework for natural organic reduction facilities in Maine. This will ensure that facilities like ours are held to the highest standards of safety, hygiene, and ethical practice. We welcome this oversight and believe that it will help to build trust with our clients and the wider community.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Brienna Smith
Chief Operating Officer, Return Home