

Funeral Consumers Alliance of Maine is a non-profit educational organization dedicated to helping the public make informed decisions about after-death arrangements that are dignified, meaningful, and affordable.

To: Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services
Senator Baldacci, Chair
Representative Meyer, Chair

Re: In support of L.D. 536 *An Act to Provide Natural Organic Reduction Facilities for Maine Residents for the Conversion of Human Remains to Soil*

March 25, 2023

Dear Senator Baldacci, Representative Meyer, and other members of the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services:

I am submitting written testimony on behalf of the Funeral Consumers Alliance of Maine, a nonprofit organization founded in 1973. For 50 years FCA Maine has been advocating for funeral choice for consumers in Maine. FCA Maine is dedicated to providing education and advocacy for the public so they may be informed of the options available for pre-planning the disposition of their remains in a dignified, affordable manner.

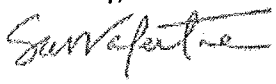
The Funeral Consumer Alliance of Maine supports L.D.536 *An Act to Provide Natural Organic Reduction Facilities for Maine Residents for the Conversion of Human Remains to Soil*.

This bill offers another choice for consumers as they arrange funeral services. We know from comments we receive from our members and the public that Mainers are interested in this option. More choices for Maine consumers help the public get the funeral they want at a price they can afford. The choice may not be for everyone, but it should be an available option.

On behalf of our membership, FCA Maine urges you to vote "Ought to Pass" on this bill.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sara Valentine". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent flourish at the end.

Sara Valentine

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