

Dear Senator Laurie Monnes Anderson,

I made a personal visit to your office in Salem today to submit written testimony supporting House Bill 3243 which deals with Oregon's Indigent Disposition Fund. I'd like to ask you to review my testimony and consider it in the Senate Committee on Human Services and Early Childhood.

## **PLEASE BE ADVISED**

Yesterday I was made aware of a letter of opposition presented by the Cemetery Association of Oregon. I'm writing to members of the committee to make certain everyone is fully aware of the fact that **Oregon's Indigent Disposition Fund has absolutely no effect on cemeteries in Oregon**. Indigent Disposition is handled by Funeral Service Establishments (funeral homes) and NOT cemeteries. Funeral homes apply for the indigent disposition reimbursement, cemeteries do not.

My family owned business serves approximately 25% of the roughly 400 indigent disposition services annually. This is a responsibility that I take very seriously and the Indigent Disposition Fund is very important to my business. I am resentful of the fact that the Cemetery Association of Oregon wrote this letter to you as they simply have no horse in this race.

Thank you for your consideration,

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