

Dear Chair Patterson and Members of the Committee,

I, Leah Dieterich am pleased to offer my support for HB 2574.

From the moment I heard about organic reduction as a burial option, I dreamed that someday it would be legal in the state where I reside. I want my husband and children, or whoever survives me to be able to see my body go back to the land from which it came. I think this will be both very beneficial for the environment, (far less pollutant than traditional burial or cremation) as well as emotionally satisfying. Organic reduction represents the closing of a loop.

I ask for your support of this important legislation.

Sincerely,

Leah Dieterich
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