

House Corporations Committee  
Rhode Island General Assembly

January 26, 2026

RE: Testimony IN SUPPORT OF [H7070](#)

AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- FUNERAL  
DIRECTOR/EMBALMER AND FUNERAL SERVICE ESTABLISHMENTS

Members of the House Corporations Committee:

I am a Rhode Island resident and firm believer in the philosophy of Reduce, Reuse, Recycle.

This most definitely extends to the question of what happens to my physical body after death. I would like to have the option of natural organic reduction after I die, essentially returning my body to the earth as opposed to decomposing in a cement box underground or burned into ash. Our natural resources and land are scarce enough – there is no need for my body to be taking up space anywhere.

I realize that others may not feel the same as I do, but at the very least, the people who do should have the option of natural organic reduction.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Kelly Swanson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Kelly Swanson

Rhode Island Resident