

September 15, 2023

To: Minnesota Department of Health

Re: SF 2611

HF 2509

To Whom It May Concern:

Please allow this letter to serve as UNCONDITIONAL SUPPORT for the above mentioned Legislative Bills that were/will be proposed. There have been numerous times when the removal from the place of death is delayed for hours and even, at times, need to be declined as there are not enough people (licensed) to make the removals from the place of death. The ability for qualified non-licensed staff members to make the transfer of decedents into the care of a funeral home is long overdue. Having this ability will allow us to properly serve our community. As you recall, during COVID, this ability was granted to us and the end result was very positive for our industry and communities here in Minnesota. Thank you in advance for any consideration as to this request.

Very Respectfully,

James McDaniel

Foundation Partners Group Minnesota Market Leader

Cremation Society of Minnesota

Sandberg Funeral Home

Willwerscheid Funeral Homes

Spielman Mortuary

Twin Cities Cremation

Atkins Northland Funeral Home