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To the Honorable Members of the Illinois General Assembly:

In compliance with the requirements of the Regulatory Sunset Act (5 ILCS 80), the Governor's Office of Management and Budget (GOMB) has undertaken a study of the Illinois Office of the Comptroller's administration of the Crematory Regulation Act (410 ILCS 18). GOMB has provided my office with a copy of the study and its recommendations regarding whether the Act should be terminated, modified, or continued. I have reviewed GOMB's submission and offer the following comments and recommendations to the General Assembly for its consideration.

The Crematory Regulation Act governs the licensure of cremation in the State of Illinois. The absence of regulation of crematories would pose a significant and direct harm to the safety and welfare of the public. The lack of regulation would also eliminate the ethical standards that protect consumers and the crematory services they require. As cremation grows in popularity as a disposition choice, it is imperative that there are licensing and operational requirements for crematories and state laws governing who may authorize a cremation and when a cremation may be undertaken. Without regulation there is a possibility that crematories would have insufficient standards to follow and that threats to public health and potential unscrupulous business practices would result in harm to the public. Therefore, the health and safety of the public is put at risk without proper training, licensing, and oversight of crematories.

The absence of regulation of this industry would pose a significant and direct harm to the welfare of the public. Current evidence does not suggest that the imposition of the state regulatory standards is such a burden as to outweigh the benefits to the health, safety, and welfare of the people of Illinois in continuing the licensure and regulation of this profession. Consequently, the Act is necessary to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the people of Illinois.

The Crematory Regulation Act should be continued to promote and enhance the safety and welfare of the public and doing so will not place an undue burden on licensees or commerce.

The Governor's Office of Management and Budget's report is provided for your reference.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "JB Pritzker", written over a large, stylized "A" or similar mark.

Governor JB Pritzker