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To the Honorable Members of the Illinois General Assembly:

As required by Section 5 of the Illinois Regulatory Sunset Act (5 ILCS 80/1 *et seq.*), the Governor's Office of Management and Budget (GOMB) facilitated a study with the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR), the agency responsible for oversight of the Cemetery Oversight Act (225 ILCS 411/1 *et seq.*) (the Act). This letter transmits the results of this study and provides justification to continue the Act.

The Act governs the licensure provided by IDFPR of cemetery authorities, cemetery managers, and customer service employees in the State of Illinois. The absence of licensed professionals in this area would pose a significant and direct harm to the safety and welfare of the public. The State's authority under the Act allows adequate protections in upholding the sanctity of the handling and disposition of human remains and the preservation of their final resting place. Additionally, it allows the state to ensure that it does not unduly restrict family, ethnic, religious, and cultural traditions. If the Act was not in place, there would be nothing in place to prevent cemeteries from enacting policies that affect public and environmental health and safety.

Based on the factors in 5 ILCS 80/6 and the additional criteria in 5 ILCS 80/7, GOMB finds that the Act should be recommended for continuation. The record should expressly state that the public protection benefits of regulation outweigh the regulatory costs and that no less restrictive alternative would adequately address the significant and discernible harms identified in this report.

My office has reviewed this report and agrees with the recommendation to continue the Act. I present this report to the General Assembly for consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "JB Pritzker".

Governor JB Pritzker