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Written Testimony of
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**Raised Bill No. 1055, An Act Concerning The Standards For Determining Custody,
Control And Disposition Of The Body Of A Deceased Person**

**Raised Bill No 1057, An Act Concerning Advanced Directives For The Disposition,
Custody And Control Of The Body Of A Person For Whom A Conservator Has
Been Appointed**

Senator Coleman, Representative Fox, Senator Kissel, Representative Hetherington and distinguished members of the Judiciary Committee, my name is Randy Molloy, I am a funeral director and embalmer in my 38th year of licensure in Connecticut. I am the owner of the Molloy Funeral Home in West Hartford and I am here representing the Connecticut Funeral Directors Association, Inc. CFDA represents 220 of the 295 funeral homes in this state. Also with me today is Attorney John McHugh who represents the association in all legal matters.

Concerning Raised Bill No. 1055 and Raised Bill No. 1057, the Connecticut Funeral Directors Association supports these raised bills which delineate the standards for determining custody, control, and disposition of the body of a deceased person and for a conserved person.

Raised Bill # 1055, lays out in precise terms who has the right to determine disposition of a person's remains, and the validity of written advanced directives of the deceased, and the primacy of the Probate Court in settling these dispositions in cases where there are disputes. With the mobility of our population, especially the younger generation, we need a method to facilitate proper, and punctual disposition.

Raised Bill # 1057, allows a conservator to execute a written document in advance of a conserved person's death, directing disposition, if directed by the probate court.

Both of these bills maintain the primacy of the next of kin in making disposition arrangements, and for probate court decisions and directives where necessary. They also allow for written directives when necessary to facilitate disposition.

Thank you for this opportunity to speak to these matters, and we welcome any questions.