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**Senate Bill 142, An Act Concerning Revisions to the Connecticut Uniform Power of Attorney
Act and Adoption of the Connecticut Uniform Recognition of Substitute Decision-Making
Documents Act**

Judiciary Committee
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Good afternoon Senator Coleman, Representative Tong, Senator Kissel, Representative Reimbias and the distinguished members of the Judiciary Committee. My name is Randy Malloy and I am the Legislative Committee Co-Chair of the Connecticut Funeral Directors Association (CFDA), CFDA represents 220 funeral homes. I'm also a licensed funeral director and the owner of the Molloy Funeral Home in West Hartford.

CFDA strongly endorses the provisions proposed in SB 142, which would expressly allow agents under a power of attorney to make disposition arrangements for their principals. This Act would expressly authorize what had already been authorized in prior legislation prior to the adoption of new power of attorney legislation last year. This important legislation will allow agents to make predisposition arrangements for their principals. In many cases, this legislation will permit adult children to help their parents by making advance funeral and cremation arrangements for their parents.

Please find attached to my testimony proposed changes to Section 2 of this legislation. The changes CFDA is seeking adds much needed clarity for the power of attorney to make disposition arrangements for their principal.

Thank you for your consideration of this testimony and our amendment language.