

To whom it may concern,

This is my electronic testimony in favor of S.B. No. 298, concerning burial and cremation in cases of spontaneous fetal demise. It brought me immense sorrow leaving the hospital after my second D&C for a miscarriage knowing that I had no "right" to the remains of my 7-week old fetus. It is devastating to lose a child during early pregnancy, and the fact that there is no opportunity for closure makes this experience even more difficult. We have lost two children to miscarriage, we have named them and think of them often, but they only remain in our memories since we were not able to bury them.

I can hardly bear to think of how the remains of our child were carelessly disposed of along with other "hospital waste". This is a heartbreaking reality for a Parent who has experienced a loss during early pregnancy. It is a Parent's right to bury or cremate the remains of their fetus, regardless their age, and it is my sincere hope that you recognize this.

Thank you for your time and consideration

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Jaimee Keogler