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To Whom It May Concern,

As a funeral home operator and/or owner serving families in Nebraska, I support the establishment of a state-recognized Crematory Operator Certification program.

Certification would promote consistent standards across the state, strengthen public confidence in the cremation process, and provide greater accountability for those entrusted with the care of human remains. It would also help reduce the risk of errors, improve workplace safety, and support ongoing education within the profession.

I believe a Crematory Operator Certification program is a reasonable and important step toward protecting the public while enhancing the professionalism of Nebraska's funeral service and cremation industry.

Nationwide instances have taken place where decedents were improperly handled, processed and stored. In many of these cases, these mishaps stemmed from a lack of licensure and oversight. If Nebraska adopted the Crematory Operator Certification program, it would provide a front-line defense against issues of this nature happening in our state.

Respectfully,

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