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Dear UW School of Medicine Policy Makers:

I hope this finds you well. The Olympic Unitarian Universalist Fellowship's Green Sanctuary program will be making a presentation to our Fellowship about the alternatives to traditional burial and cremation, both of which are a blight to our environment. We're excited to present your Willed Body Program as one of the alternative ways to repurpose their remains. However, we're concerned about the use of cremation for those remains once you've finished using the body in teaching or research. With the entire world battling Climate Change, have you made any plans for alternative methods for disposing of the remains, e.g. alkaline hydrolysis or composting?

As you probably know, the average body, when cremated, produces approximately 500lbs + of CO<sub>2</sub>. You should be aware that the Mayo Clinic and UCLA have both switched from fire cremation to Alkaline Hydrolysis & all schools in the University of California have this option. If they can make the change in an effort to help combat Global Climate Instability, surely UW School of Medicine can do likewise. Our congregants will be anxious to learn of your plans to make this important change. Thank you!

Sincerely,