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Room T3,40,
Scottish Parliament,
Edinburgh, EH99 1SP
(sent electronically to lgr.committee@scottish.parliament.uk)

Dear Sirs,

Further Submission To The Local Government and Regeneration Committee

Working on behalf of the Federation of Burial and Cremation Authorities (FBCA), Populus the leading research and strategy consultants conducted a poll of 1009 adults living in Scotland between 27 and 29 November 2015.

The question asked was: "The Scottish Government is introducing a new law governing cremation and burial. The new law might remove the requirement that a crematorium must be constructed over 200 yards from any dwelling house. Do you think that the new law should, or should not, keep the minimum distance requirement?"

Overall 77% of those polled thought that the new Bill should keep the minimum distance requirement, with only 9% (less than one in ten) disagreeing. 15% were undecided.

The FBCA conducted the poll to ensure that in addition to views of the leading professionals in the bereavement care sector already supplied to Ministers, the view of the public was sought. Ministers will see from the results that the overwhelming majority agree with the FBCA's position that the minimum distance should be maintained.

Yours faithfully

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