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Scott Olson

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Dear Mr. Olson,

As a follow-up to your request, this letter will review some facts regarding the common placement of cremation equipment within a funeral related facility.

Matthews Cremation Division has been designing, manufacturing and installing combustion systems for a broad range of industries for over 70 years. We are recognized as the leader in cremation equipment, with over 4,500 installations throughout the United States and 50 countries. Our designs have been granted U.S. patents and have been adopted as industry standards for quality and performance. In addition, we are the largest service and repair organization, servicing all brands of cremation equipment.

Our company has been involved with the various fields of combustion for many years, and directly related to the cremation industry for over 52 years. We are a member in good standing with the Cremation Association of North America and became its first supplier member approximately 40 years ago.

As the largest manufacturer of cremation equipment, our company annually markets over 70% of our production to the funeral industry. Most funeral establishments are located in residential communities and/or light commercial areas, since they are there to serve the local population. The cremation equipment is installed within the funeral home and is generally considered by most zoning regulations to be an extension of existing business and/or services.

The equipment operates without smoke or odor, and each and every installation must be permitted by the environmental authorities for the city, state or province in which it is installed. The equipment we manufacture is Underwriters Laboratories (UL) listed, confirming maximum safety of both equipment and personnel.

In addition, in Canada our equipment is built to the standards of the Canadian Gas Association (CGA) and is inspected and approved by them for safety of both the electrical and gas control systems.

Each model manufactured by our company is tested by an independent testing laboratory against standards set forth by the federal government. Our equipment's emission levels are substantially lower than the allowable standards to ensure environmental quality. Residents of the area will not be aware the equipment is operating.

All machinery that performs combustion, whether automobiles or furnaces of any type (fireplaces or crematories), gives off byproducts referred to as *particulate matter*. Because of our equipment's high-quality standards, these byproducts are not visible, nor is there an odor of the material being combusted.

The equipment operates automatically and has built-in pollution detection equipment that constantly supervises the operation, safeguarding against pollution and environmental impact. Cycle time is approximately two hours. When this cycle time is multiplied by the annual frequency of use, the actual hours of operation become insignificant.

The cremation rate in Illinois is rising and it is of vital importance that these services be locally available to residents of the community of Winnebago, to help minimize cost to them and fulfilling their demands.

I appreciate your interest and concern regarding the basic information surrounding the installation of cremation equipment. Please feel free to distribute this letter of information to any individuals and/or group that might have interest.

Should you or others require additional information or have questions about anything in this letter, please call me using our toll-free number: 800-327-2831.

Yours very truly,



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