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## Alcor News Special Edition

The legislative battle is heating up again, as Representative Stump has decided to move ahead in spite of his verbal and public assurances that negotiations would be completed prior to moving the bill forward. We've been involved with creating the statutory definitions for cryonics and the scope of regulatory oversight by the Funeral Board, and we've obtained agreements on the establishment of a specific cryonics license to ensure that no confusion exists within the funeral industry with regard to choices for final disposition. Though the Funeral Board and Alcor have reached an accord on these issues, Representative Stump has chosen to move forward with the legislation as it currently stands.

Once again, Stump moves with little warning to or discussion with the involved stakeholders; and HB 2637 will be heard on the House floor TOMORROW with the negotiations still incomplete. As a result, we are forced to register our strong opposition to this bill. We are not the only ones opposing this hasty and ill-conceived regulation, and we'll be joined by several educational institutions, the \*entire\* Arizona anatomical donor network, and members of the Health Committee who were expecting Stump to make good on his promises.

Though we're obviously disappointed at this development, we're well-positioned to ensure this bill dies in the House. We need your help to ensure our position is made clear to the legislators, and we ask that everyone take the time to email the House of Representatives, letting them know that this bill is one bad piece of legislation.

Some of you may have already received the previous version of the Talking Points we developed for the early stages of this process, but bear in mind that it no longer represents the current state of the arguments. Right now, the points

that need to be made include:

- \* There is no statutory definition of cryonics.
- \* There are no provisions for becoming licensed as a cryonics establishment.
- \* The accord reached by Alcor and the Funeral Board eliminates the need for additional regulatory oversight at this time. This is a solution without a problem.

If you visit our website, you'll find a list of the fax and phone numbers, and a formatted version of the email addresses for all the Representatives; and we urge each of you to politely communicate a request that they vote against HB 2637.

Feel free to pass this message along to anyone who might help.

We thank you for your support.

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