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To whom it may concern:

This letter is to inform your establishment of an important update regarding the process for obtaining a "Non-Burial Disposition Permit". The Philadelphia Medical Examiner's office had originally intended to begin requiring these permits prior to every disposition that would otherwise render the body unavailable for examination.

This process has now been put on indefinite hold. Non-Burial Disposition Permits will <u>not</u> be required unless an implementation date is set by the Medical Examiner's Office in the future. If the permits are to be required in the future, the Medical Examiner's Office will 30 days prior to beginning implementation.

apologize for the confusion regarding this matter. Please contact our office with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Dr. Lindsay Simon Acting Chief Medical Examiner Philadelphia Medical Examiner's Office