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FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20580



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Re: Receipt for Third-Party Caskets

Dear Scott:

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As you know, Section 453.4(b)(1) prohibits funeral providers from requiring consumers to purchase goods that they do not want. The Commission staff has interpreted that provision to also mean that the funeral provider must not unreasonably burden the consumer's choice to [redacted] rather than the funeral home. Among the practices that may