

COMMENTS ON: 16 CFR PART 453

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Secretary
Federal Trade Commission
Room H-159
600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
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Dear Secretary:

I am in favor of expanding the Funeral Rule to other related businesses. Consumers need protection from all vendors not just funeral homes.

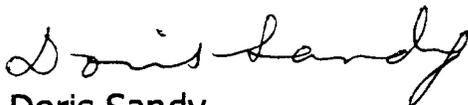
Please do not eliminate the ban on third-party casket handling fees. This will just open the door to higher and higher fees for funeral homes and will limit the ability of the consumer to shop around somewhat in this limited area.

I feel that all services should be itemized so that the consumer can see what choices are available and choose among them.

Why does the funeral home need to charge a professional service fee in addition when they are already making a profit on the many services/products they are selling. I disagree that this should be allowed.

Please remember that this is an unusually emotional, vulnerable time for the consumer and there needs to be adequate consumer protection in place to allow for informed, fairly-priced purchase of goods and services.

Sincerely yours



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