

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION



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*tantamount to refusal to accept delivery and therefore may be in violation of the Rule.* [emphasis added] (A copy of the opinion is enclosed..)

The [redacted] reflect the FTC staff's opinion in 1988 and they continue to reflect the current

thinking of the FTC staff charged with enforcing the Funeral Rule. Accordingly, I reaffirm the

opinion that refusal to sign for merchandise or acknowledge delivery is tantamount to

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with the Funeral Rule's prohibition against trying to

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[REDACTED]  
Vice-President  
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Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15236

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]:

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appears tantamount to refusal to accept delivery and therefore may be in violation of the Rule.

If, as you allege, there is concerted action among funeral providers in your area to engage in certain practices designed to discourage or halt third party sales of caskets, such concerted action might also constitute a violation of Section 5 of the FTC Act, which prohibits "unfair methods of competition in or affecting commerce." 15 U.S.C. Section 45(a)(1).

Thank you for writing to the Commission. We appreciate your bringing these matters to our attention.

Sincerely yours,

Funeral Rule Coordinator