Dear XXX

The funeral sector is taking steps to address the climate crisis by promoting natural burials, switching to less environmentally-damaging coffins and adopting hybrid or fully electric vehicles, to name but a few solutions.

However, one area of the sector where there is great uncertainty about its possible climate impact is that of prepaid funeral plans.

It is highly likely that many of the largest funeral plan providers, including INSERT NAME, hold funds that are invested in fossil fuels. But unfortunately, the way plan providers' annual reports are presented, it is incredibly hard to know by how much.

**What I am asking for from you**

I therefore call on you as my chosen plan provider to share details of any fossil fuel investments linked to your funds as soon as possible.

If it turns out that your plans do fund fossil fuel extraction and contribute negatively to the climate crisis, I would also appreciate details of your plan and timeline for divestment.

**Why this matters**

Just 100 companies have been responsible for over 70% of global emissions since 1988. While some fossil fuel companies talk a lot of talk about renewable energy, in reality, they spend less than 3% of their annual capital expenditure on renewables projects. Trying to engage with these companies to get them to change what they are doing has not worked.

The aim of divestment is to weaken the political influence of the fossil fuel industry, which keeps holding back action on climate change. Every time a profession publicly breaks its ties with fossil fuel companies, we chip away at their power to carry out their immoral business plans.

The families in my care increasingly care about doing the right thing by the environment. It is impossible for me to promote with a clear conscience products of any kind unless I am certain these are not causing harm to future generations.

Many other financial products and services are reducing or ending investments in the fossil fuel industry. It's time that financial products in the funeral profession are proactive on this topic too.

I look forward to your reply.