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The Honorable Thomas V. "Mike" Miller, Jr. President, Maryland Senate 107 State House Annapolis, Maryland 21401

The Honorable Michael E. Busch Speaker, Maryland House of Delegates 101 State House Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear President Miller and Speaker Busch:

This letter is written in response to language set forth in Senate Bill 230 and House Bill 318, Chapters 1 and 2, Acts of 1998, titled *The William H. Amoss Organ and Tissue Donation Act of 1998*. The language directs:

"That the Motor Vehicle Administrator shall report to the General Assembly on or before December 31 of each year, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on the total number of driver's licenses and identification cards issued by the Motor Vehicle Administration, the number of driver's licenses and identification cards on which a donor designation is noted under § 12-303 of the Transportation Article, and the number of 16 and 17 year old minors who are designated as donors."

On October 9, 2013, the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) reported the following totals:

- Driver Licenses: of the 4,184,201 driver licenses, 2,024,700 (48 percent) reflected organ donor designations.
- Identification Cards: of the 552,794 identification cards, 171,463 (31 percent) reflected organ donor designations.
- Minors as Donors: of those 2,196,163 products reflecting organ donor designations, 19,052 were sixteen and seventeen-year-olds.

The legislation also allows the MVA to solicit and collect from the licensee or identification card holder, a driver contribution of one dollar or more, to be used for organ and tissue donation awareness. For FY2013, the MVA collected and paid \$309,783 to the Comptroller of the State for the Organ and Tissue Donation Awareness Fund.

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If you have any questions concerning this report, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. John T. Kuo, Administrator, Motor Vehicle Administration, at 410-767-7274. Of course, you should always feel free to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

James T. Smith, Jr.

Secretary

cc: The Honorable Edward J. Kasemeyer, Chairman, Senate Budget and Taxation Committee The Honorable Norman Conway, Chairman, House Appropriation Committee Mr. John T. Kuo, Administrator, MVA