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October 28, 2015

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

The Honorable Michael E. Busch
Speaker
Maryland House of Delegates
State House, H-101
Annapolis MD 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 2, 2015, the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) reported the following totals:

- Driver Licenses: of the 4,236,684 driver licenses, 2,068,375 (49 percent) reflected organ donor designations.
- Identification Cards: of the 577,185 identification cards, 175,575 (30 percent) reflected organ donor designations.
- Minors as Donors: of those 2,243,950 products reflecting organ donor designations, 18,561 were 16 and 17 year-olds, constituting 40 percent of the 46,078 total products issued to that age group.

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The legislation allows the MVA to solicit and collect a driver contribution of one dollar or more from the licensee or identification card holder to be used for organ and tissue donation awareness. For FY 2015, the MVA collected and paid \$299,170 to the Comptroller of the State for the Organ and Tissue Donation Awareness Fund. If you have any questions concerning this report, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Christine Nizer, MVA Administrator at 410-768-7320. Of course, you may always contact me directly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pete K. Rahn", written over a large, stylized circular flourish.

Pete K. Rahn
Secretary

cc: The Honorable Edward J. Kasemeyer, Chairman, Senate Budget and Taxation Committee
The Honorable Maggie McIntosh, Chairman, House Appropriation Committee
Ms. Christine Nizer, Administrator, MVA