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

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

Re: *Veterans of the Afghanistan and Iraq Conflicts
Scholarship Fund annual report
#9155*

Dear President Miller and Speaker Busch:

In accordance with §18-604(k)(3) of the Education Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, the Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC) submits the required report.

As stated in §18-604(k)(3) of the Education Article,

“At the end of the fiscal year, the Commission shall prepare an annual report on the Veterans of the Afghanistan and Iraq Conflicts Scholarship Fund that includes an accounting of all receipts to and from the Fund.”

The Veterans of Afghanistan and Iraq Conflict (VAIC) Scholarship is a state-funded program that provides financial assistance to United States armed forces personnel who served in the Afghanistan or Iraq Conflicts, and their sons, daughters, or spouses who are currently high school seniors and enroll in an eligible accredited Maryland postsecondary institution.

Our expenditures totaled \$852,869 for the State Fiscal Year 2013. There were no receipts for VAIC Scholarship above and beyond the state appropriation.

If you have any questions regarding this report, please feel free to contact Mr. Lee Towers, Director of Legislative Affairs, at 410-767-3059, or ltowers@mhec.state.md.us.

Sincerely,

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Secretary of Higher Education