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The Honorable Vanessa E. Atterbeary  
Chair, Ways and Means Committee  
130 Taylor House Office Building  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

**RE: Senate Bill 414 – Income Tax Credit – Parent of Stillborn Child – Letter of Information**

Dear Chair Atterbeary ,

The Maryland Department of Health (the Department) respectfully submits this letter of information for Senate Bill (SB) 414 – Income Tax Credit – Parent of Stillborn Child. This bill seeks to allow a parent of a stillborn child a refundable credit against the State income tax for each stillbirth for which a certain certificate has been issued; and generally relating to a credit against the State income tax for the parent of a stillborn child.

The Department would like to provide additional information regarding the issuance of certificates of stillbirth. Certificates of stillbirth are issued upon request from the parent. The Department is only able to fulfill these requests for stillbirths that are registered by the Division of Vital Records. In most cases, fetal deaths with a gestational age less than 20 weeks are not registered.

If you would like to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact Sarah Case-Herron, Director of Governmental Affairs, at [sarah.case-herron@maryland.gov](mailto:sarah.case-herron@maryland.gov).

Sincerely,

Ryan Moran, DrPH, MHSA  
Acting Secretary