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The Honorable Paul G. Pinsky  
Chair, Education, Health and Environmental  
Committee Members, Education, Health & Environment  
2 West. Miller Senate Office Building  
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: SB 180, Funeral Establishments and Crematorie - Unclaimed Remains of Veterans –  
Notification, Disposition and Reporting

Dear Chairman Pinsky and Committee Members,

Please be advised that the Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs supports SB 180, Funeral Establishments and Crematorie - Unclaimed Remains of Veterans – Notification, Disposition and Reporting. It is already a requirement from the federal VA pursuant to the National Cemetery Administration in exchange for certain funding we receive.

Sincerely,

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George W. Owings III  
Secretary

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