

# BLACKS<sup>OF THE</sup> CHESAPEAKE

*"Campaign to Preserve A Local Legacy"*

**February 22, 2023**

Honorable William C. Smith, Jr., Chairman

Honorable Jeff Waldstreicher, Vice Chair

Re: SB 867 Vehicle Laws- Special & Commemorative Registration Plate- Maryland Heroes

We wholeheartedly support this legislation to commemorate the legacies Frederick Douglass and Harriet Tubman images be included as an option in the Maryland Heroes Commemorative Registration Plates.

The Blacks of the Chesapeake Foundation counts both Mrs. Tubman & Mr. Douglass as bookends of our organization. Both of these iconic and historical figures were born, reared and utilized our noble Chesapeake Bay as a gateway toward freedom.

Therefore, we find it fitting and honorable for the citizens of our state to have this option. Their images artfully incorporated into the design of the license plate will help booster economic development & heritage tourism.

In conclusion we thank the forward thinking of Senator Zucker, and the host of Co-Sponsors from both sides of Bay.

Respectfully Submitted,



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