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The Honorable Shane E. Pendergrass  
Chair, Health & Government Operations  
Committee Members, Health & Government Operations  
241 House Office Building  
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: HB 604, Funeral Establishments and Crematorie - Unclaimed Cremains of Veterans –  
Notification, Disposition and Reporting

Dear Chairwoman Pendergrass and Committee Members,

Please be advised that the Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs supports HB 604, Funeral Establishments and Crematorie - Unclaimed Cremains 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "GWO", with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

George W. Owings III  
Secretary

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