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Gary Richard EZ-ID One Industrial Drive Danvers, MA 01923

Dear Mr. Richard,

The Office of the Victim Advocate (OVA) was established as an independent state agency to evaluate and monitor how victims are treated by the criminal justice system in Connecticut. The OVA works to protect and promote the Constitutional rights of crime victims in Connecticut. The OVA monitors and evaluates the provision of services to crime victims and works to advance policies throughout the state that promote the fair and just treatment of crime victims throughout the criminal justice system.

There is an illusion in society today that if one tries hard enough they can remember a license plate. In Connecticut there have been new findings indicating that memories can be tampered with through our unconsciousness. The reality is that very few if any witnesses to abductions, drunken driving accidents, hit and runs and/or traffic violations can recollect six or eight character combinations.

The OVA in its daily feat for Crime Victims fully supports the EZ-ID initiative. Such a change can save time in searches and ultimately it can save lives. The dramatic impact this initiative promises is beyond a doubt worth a try.

We are pleased to share our support and any additional efforts in getting the initiative into fruition.

Sincerely,

Michelle Cruz, Esq. State Victim Advocate

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