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Dear Fellow Maryland State Employees and Retirees:

Each of us gives for a personal reason. Whether we give to pay it forward, give back, or support a specific cause, giving is deeply personal. The 2021 Maryland Charity Campaign (MCC) combines our collective individual efforts into a large movement of generosity. I am grateful for and proud of Maryland State Employees and Retirees and am in awe of our collective commitment to serving those in need. ***MD Gives, Inspires Hope!***

I am writing today to ask you to please join me and give to a cause you are passionate about through the 2021 MCC. Whatever your reason for giving, your contribution makes a huge impact when combined across the State. The MCC reduces the administrative burden on charities and allows charities to plan their budgets since giving by payroll deduction provides revenues to charities throughout the year.

As you consider giving to one or more of the MCC participating charities, know that each charity has been pre-vetted, assuring donors that the charities are trustworthy. Charities in the MCC represent causes that range from food insecurity to human trafficking, domestic violence to homelessness, health care to the environment and so much more. A contribution of any amount helps. Donors may choose how to give: through a one-time gift, recurring payroll deduction, debit or credit card, or electronic check.

Did you know that your donation to the MCC may help a co-worker? Yes! A co-worker in the cubicle next to yours or down the hall may be a victim of domestic violence, suffering from an incurable disease, or may be a struggling veteran, etc. Suffering transcends economic boundaries. Our fellow State Employees and Retirees may benefit from the MCC, as do our neighbors around the State and around the globe.

Please join me and give today! Check out the scores of participating charities in the Giving Guide <https://mcc.maryland.gov/>.

Maryland State Employees and Retirees are among the most compassionate and generous individuals anywhere! On behalf of the participating charities, and those they serve, thank you from the bottom of my heart for your generosity! ***MD Gives, Inspires Hope!***

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John C. Wobensmith".

John C. Wobensmith

Secretary