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Dear Library Colleague:

As head of the state's Organ/Tissue Donor Program, I believe in the lifesaving potential of organ/tissue donation. I ask you to please review the below materials and consider holding an organ/tissue donor registration drive at your library.

Beginning January 1, 2018, 16- and 17-year-olds are now able to sign up for the Organ/Tissue Donor Registry. In Illinois, more than 6.5 million people are registered as organ/tissue donors, yet there are 4,700 people waiting for transplants. Each year, about 300 people die waiting for their gift of life. One person can save or improve the quality of life for up to 25 individuals. I encourage everyone to register for this lifesaving program by visiting LifeGoesOn.com.

Last April during Donate Life Month, many Illinois public libraries held organ/tissue donor registration drives. The success of those drives shows that libraries have been an important partner in expanding and strengthening the Organ/Tissue Donor Program. I am grateful for their outreach efforts and hope to continue this initiative in the future.

Take a look at the below materials and sign up to host an organ/tissue donor registration drive at your library. I appreciate your cooperation in this important, lifesaving effort.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jesse White".

Jesse White
Secretary of State
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