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PRESS RELEASE

Attorney General Frosh Urges Victims of Western Union Fraud Scheme to Submit Claim Form

BALTIMORE, MD (November 14, 2017) – Maryland Attorney General Brian E. Frosh announced today that Marylanders who were deceived into sending payments using Western Union's wire transfer service may now apply for compensation from a \$586 million fund administered by the U.S. Department of Justice's (U.S. DOJ) Victim Asset Recovery Program. The fund was established after a multi-state settlement announced in January with Attorney General Frosh and 49 other states, the District of Columbia, the Federal Trade Commission and the U.S. DOJ and Western Union. Marylanders who were victims of a fraud-induced transfer using Western Union between January 1, 2004 and January 19, 2017 may be eligible for compensation.

Consumers who reported to Western Union or to the Maryland Attorney General's Office that they had been the victim of a scam using Western Union may receive a claim form in the mail. The claim forms will be sent by the settlement administrator, Gilardi & Co. beginning this week. The forms contain instructions to file a claim to receive compensation.

If you do not receive a claim form in the mail but believe you may have an eligible claim, please visit http://www.westernunionremission.com or call 1-844-319-2124 for more information on how to file a claim.

All completed claims forms must be mailed back to the settlement administrator by February 12, 2018.