Letter to My Family

Dear Student,

In class you have been learning facts about donation and transplantation so that you can make a decision about being an organ, eye and tissue donor. It is a good idea to share what you learned with your parent(s) or guardian(s) and ask them any questions you may have.

It may be a little strange or awkward to start this discussion with your family, but talking about it now could someday make the decision easier for your family.

The below statements are provided to help you begin the conversation with your family. You may have questions to ask them or information you want to research more. Or you may be surprised to find yourself teaching your family about organ, eye and tissue donation and transplantation!

Dear________________,

During ________________ class, we have been learning about organ, eye and tissue donation and transplantation so that we can make a decision about being an organ, eye and donor. I will be asked about this at the DMV when I get my driver license and each time I renew it.

• Some of the things I learned about this topic surprised or interested me, such as _______ ________________________________________________________________
  ________________________________________________________________.

• Some questions I still have about organ, eye and tissue donation are: _______________
  ________________________________________________________________.

• Do you know anyone who has been an organ donor, received a transplant, or is waiting for a transplant? ________________________________________________________________
  ________________________________________________________________.

• When I get my driver license at the DMV, I will be asked if I would like to register to be an organ, eye and tissue donor. I am leaning towards saying ______________. What do you think? Know that as my legal guardian, the final decision is yours until I turn 18 years old.

Signed,

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Still have questions? Find answers at www.donateLIFEcalifornia.org.