



THE MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 46  
BALTIMORE CITY

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Honorable Lawrence Hogan  
Governor of Maryland  
100 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Governor Hogan:

Three hundred and nine Marylanders have been murdered this year in Baltimore City, including forty-nine people in our district. The murders have happened all across our district - from O'Donnell Heights, Highlandtown, and Canton to Curtis Bay, Locust Point, and Brooklyn. You are well aware of the violence in our City, so there is no need to reiterate the details about the crisis our City is facing and the horrifying human toll we are enduring.

We ask you to take action to work with us, fellow state legislators, and our City leaders. In July, members of Baltimore City's Delegation to the General Assembly sent a letter to you asking for additional resources. We did not receive a response. We also shared our ideas for confronting the violence in a plan - Baltimore PROSPERS - and your Administration's role in that plan was and remains vital.

Today, we again ask you to recognize the need to work actively in the City to address the huge problems we are facing. Specifically, we ask for the following prior to the start of the legislative session:

- Appoint a Baltimore liaison within the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention to coordinate further State resources to supplement the Baltimore Police Department and the Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice. Specifically:
  - The Baltimore liaison should ensure all State Law Enforcement resources in the City of Baltimore are providing additional support to the Baltimore Police Department and coordinated City law enforcement agencies. Those agencies

include, but are not limited to: the the Maryland State Police, the Maryland Transit Administration police, the Maryland Transportation Authority police, University of Maryland Baltimore police, University of Maryland Medical System police, Department of General Services police, and Morgan State University police.

- The Baltimore liaison will also reach out to surrounding jurisdictions for assistance in serving warrants and providing protection to Parole and Probation officers supervising violent offenders. These officers would supplement the Maryland State Police troopers who are already providing assistance in Baltimore.
- Activate additional funding through GOCCP to immediately create new Safe Streets programs run through the Baltimore City Health Department to supplement the existing programs and to create new ones immediately. There is no need to wait until the next fiscal cycle begins to implement a program we know works to curb violence.
- Appoint liaisons from the Department of Juvenile Services, Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, Department of Human Resources and the Office of Parole and Probation to attend the Mayor's daily, coordinated, violence-reduction briefings. The Baltimore liaison should attend those meetings as well.
- Provide resources and operational leadership to restore Operation Safe Kids, a cross-agency program out of the Baltimore City Health Department that provides intensive community-based case management and monitoring of high-risk juvenile offenders.

This week alone in our City we have lost five people, including two constituents - Dashon Griffin and Alexander Wroblewski - as well as a police officer, an 18-year veteran of the force dedicated to keeping every neighborhood in Baltimore safe for families and residents. These deaths are tragic and this violence is unacceptable. We know you agree that now is not the time for politics, and that every life lost is an unnecessary tragedy for all of Maryland. We are all Marylanders. We need your leadership and we need you to take action now.

Sincerely,

Bill Ferguson  
Senator, District 46

Luke Clippinger  
Delegate, District 46

Brooke Lierman  
Delegate, District 46

Robbyn Lewis  
Delegate, District 46