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MAYOR

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July 30, 2019

The Honorable Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.  
Governor of Maryland  
100 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

The Honorable Nancy J. King  
Chair, Senate Budget & Taxation Committee  
3 West Miller Senate Office Building  
11 Bladen Street  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

The Honorable Maggie L. McIntosh  
Chair, House Appropriations Committee  
121 House Office Building  
6 Bladen Street  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

**Re: Chapter 565 – Section 48 – Baltimore City Comprehensive Crime Strategy – Release of Funds**

**VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL AND UNITED STATES MAIL (FIVE HARD COPIES)**

Dear Governor Hogan and Chairs King & McIntosh:

As enacted into law, Chapter 565 of the Laws of Maryland of 2019 – Budget Bill (Fiscal Year 2020) includes a provision that restricts certain funds granted to Baltimore City. Specifically, Section 48 on pages 274-275 provides that:

*“\$11,136,063 in general funds within the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention (GOCCP), representing the entirety of the local law enforcement grants to the Baltimore City Police Department and the Baltimore City State's Attorney's Office, and \$3,000,000 of the Disparity Grant to Baltimore City budgeted within A15000.01 may not be expended until the Baltimore City Mayor's Office and the Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice, in coordination with the Baltimore City State's Attorney's Office and the Baltimore City Police Department, submit a comprehensive annual crime strategy for the city...”*

Pursuant to that provision, attached you will find two documents. The first is a 5-year strategic vision plan, while the second is a shorter-term crime reduction strategy. Accordingly, we respectfully request that the specified funds contingent upon submission of these plans be made available for expenditure.


We have the distinct privilege of leading each of the four entities mentioned above, respectively. Every day we work collaboratively with one another with the clear focus of ensuring the public safety of the residents and visitors of Baltimore City. This collaboration was underway prior to the enactment of this budget language, during the drafting of our comprehensive crime strategy, and will continue long afterwards. Furthermore, as our state partners, each of you is critical to the success of these strategies. We look forward to working together as we implement both plans.

Please note that the Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice will be following this submission with quarterly performance measures by the required date of October 15, 2019, and quarterly thereafter. Should you have any questions regarding this submission, please contact Lester Davis, Chief of Communications and Government Relations at 443-835-0784 or [lester.davis@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:lester.davis@baltimorecity.gov). Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your continued commitment to Baltimore City.

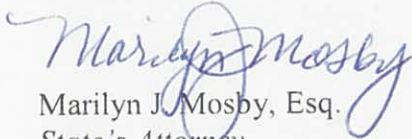
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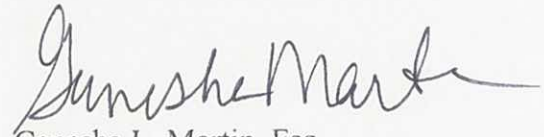
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