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Honorable President and
Members of the Baltimore
City Council
Room 400, City Hall
100 N. Holliday Street
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RE: City Council Bill 22-0139R –Investigative Hearing – Human Trafficking Investigations and Prosecutions

Dear Council President Mosby and Members of the City Council:

The Baltimore City Sheriff's Office is committed to protecting the rights and well-being of all residents, including those affected by human trafficking. During our annual in-service we conduct human trafficking awareness training. During this training our Deputies are given information on how to spot signs of human trafficking and are instructed to pass this information to our Intelligence section. Once this information is received we report it to our local, state, and federal law enforcement partners. As you all are aware the Sheriff's Office has a new proactive administration and we very much look forward to working with all stakeholders to combat human trafficking.

Sincerely,

Kevin D. Hayes
Chief of Staff

cc: Natwana Austin, Executive Secretary of the Baltimore City Council
Natasha Mehu, Director of Mayor's Office of Government Relations
Nina Themalis, Special Assistant and Legislative Liaison, MOGR
Sam Cogen, Sheriff of Baltimore City

