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	AGENCY NAME & ADDRESS	Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice		
	SUBJECT	City Council Bill 10-0573 – Gun Offender Registration – Update of Residence		

DATE: July 29, 2010

**TO**

The Honorable President and Members  
of the Baltimore City Council  
Attn: Karen Randle, Executive Secretary  
Room 409, City Hall  
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Baltimore, Maryland 21202

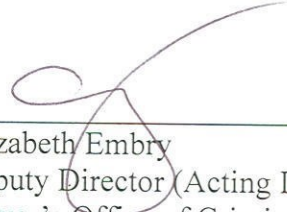
Re: City Council Bill 10-0573 – Gun Offender Registration – Update of Residence

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice supports City Council Bill 10-0573 – Gun Offender Registration – Update of Residence. The bill amends Baltimore's Gun Offender Registration Act (GORA), Baltimore City Code Article 19 § 60 to affirmatively require registered gun offenders to appear at the Gun Offender Registry Unit and update their address if they move outside of Baltimore City.

Currently, the law requires offenders to update their address upon moving into the City or changing addresses within the City but does not require notification if the offender leaves the City. Because the six-month GORA reporting requirements apply only to residents of Baltimore City, GORA violators charged with failing to report can avoid prosecution by claiming to have moved outside of the City. The State's Attorney's Office brought this issue to the attention of the Police Department and participated in the drafting of the legislation. This bill will clarify the duties of gun offenders and support successful prosecution of offenders who fail to comply with the requirements of the law.

The Gun Offender Registry is an important law enforcement tool and passage of this bill will remove an impediment to its successful enforcement.


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