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TO: The Honorable President of the Baltimore City Council
Attn: Executive Secretary

FROM: Nicholas T.R. Blendy, Esq., Assistant Sheriff, Baltimore City Sheriff's Office (BCSO)

RE: City Council Bill #26-0186 – Supplementary Special Revenue Fund Operating
Appropriation – Baltimore City Sheriff's Office – \$612,096

DATE: May 11, 2026

POSITION: SUPPORT

Mr. President and Honorable Members of the Baltimore City Council:

The Baltimore City Sheriff's Office (BCSO) has reviewed City Council Bill #26-0186 – Supplementary Special Revenue Fund Operating Appropriation – Baltimore City Sheriff's Office – \$612,096 and **supports** its passage, for the reasons explained below.

CCB #26-0186 is the mechanism by which the Mayor and City Council legally accepts and appropriates into the BCSO's current fiscal year budget, \$612,096 in federal asset forfeiture funds received through the Department of Justice Asset Forfeiture Program. Specifically, these funds derive as the BCSO share of assets arising out of work from the Baltimore Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF) Strike Force. The Baltimore OCDETF is a multijurisdictional, regional collaborative law enforcement initiative that includes participation from federal, state, and local partners based in the Baltimore region, including local support and collaboration between the Baltimore Police Department (BPD), the Baltimore City State's Attorney's Office (BCSAO) and the BCSO.

For the foregoing reasons, the BCSO respectfully requests your **support** for CCB #26-0186.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "N. T. R. Blendy".

Nicholas T.R. Blendy, Esq.
Assistant Sheriff