



July 6, 2021

Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
City Hall, Room 400
100 N. Holliday Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

RE: City Council Bill 21-0017R Investigative Hearing – Arson and Fire Fatality Awareness: Re-instituting the Baltimore City Joint Agency Arson Task Force

Dear Council President Mosby and Members of the City Council:

The Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement (MONSE) has reviewed City Council Bill Resolution 21-0017R, which seeks to invite agency leaders to discuss arsons, fire fatalities and injuries, and re-instituting the Joint Agency Arson Task Force.

Agency Position: No Position

MONSE does not have a position on this resolution. MONSE will defer to the Baltimore City Fire Department, Baltimore Police Department, and other agency partners for the best way to respond to this concerning increase in arsons and fire injuries. MONSE is willing to provide inter-agency coordination support to help advance a collaborative response to this public safety threat.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "S Jackson". The signature is stylized and cursive.

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