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Mayor**

BALTIMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT



**Michael Harrison
Interim Police Commissioner**

March 4, 2019

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

Attention: Natawna Austin, Executive Secretary

**Re: City Council Bill No. 19-0323
Hotels- Anti-Human Trafficking Training**

Dear Council President Young and Members of the City Council:

The Baltimore Police Department (BPD) has reviewed Council Bill 19-0323. This legislation is for the purpose of requiring hotels to provide all hotel employees with anti-human trafficking training on an annual basis; conforming and correcting related provisions; and providing for a special effective date.

The BPD supports this bill. Requiring all new hotel employees' annual training to identify signs of human trafficking within their workplace assists the BPD in our pursuit to decrease human trafficking in our City. Annual training that is approved by the Health Commissioner insures that all Baltimore City hotel employees are trained correctly and cohesively. Implementing awareness measures to aid in preventing human trafficking within our City is always good policy.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. The BPD looks forward to working with the City Council on this matter.

Sincerely,

**Danielle Butcher
Office of the Police Commissioner**