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# BALTIMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT



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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. 18-0107R  
Investigative Hearing- Arson and Fire Fatality Awareness: Community Risk  
Reduction Program**

Dear Council President Young and Members of the City Council:

The Baltimore Police Department (BPD) has reviewed Council Bill 18-0107R. This legislation is for the purpose of calling on representatives from Baltimore City Fire Department, The Baltimore Police Department, The Baltimore City Public School system, the Baltimore City Health Department, The Baltimore City Department of Housing and Community Development, the Mayor's Office of Human Services, and the Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice to appear before the City Council to discuss arson, fire fatalities and injuries, schools fires; and to discuss what steps the City can take to reduce the risk of these incidents occurring to protect the children and residents of Baltimore City.

The BPD supports this bill. Greater collaboration with our partner Agencies and stakeholders to discuss and formulate preventative measures to protect children and residents of Baltimore 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