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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 #26-0185 – Supplementary State Fund Operating Appropriation –
Baltimore City Sheriff's Office – \$74,667

DATE: May 11, 2026

POSITION: SUPPORT

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

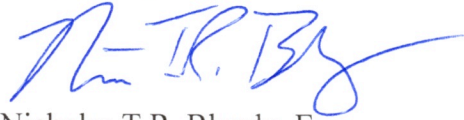
The Baltimore City Sheriff's Office (BCSO) has reviewed City Council Bill #26-0185 –Supplementary State Fund Operating Appropriation – Baltimore City Sheriff's Office – \$74,667 and **supports** its passage, for the reasons explained below.

CCB #26-0185 is the mechanism by which the Mayor and City Council legally accepts and appropriates into the BCSO's current fiscal year budget, \$74,667 in Maryland State grant funds. Specifically, these funds are for reimbursement for the work done by deputy sheriffs relating to Circuit Court Orders around the establishment, modification, enforcement, and recovery of child support payments from noncustodial parents of children. The full responsibilities of the BCSO are set forth in a plan fully described in the Cooperative Reimbursement Agreement ("CRA") with the State, subject to the supervision of the Department of Human Services (DHS) and the Child Support Administration ("CSA") and Local Department of Social Services ("LDSS") or Local Office of Child Support ("LOCS").

During Fiscal Year 2026, the BCSO sought funding mechanisms to help offset the costs on the existing budget, as part of its efforts to identify and win funding to do important work for the residents of the City while not being solely reliant on Mayor and City Council of Baltimore funds. Accordingly, the BCSO has applied for multiple highly competitive federal and state grants this fiscal year, and has been very successful on several fronts. The BCSO serves civil orders of the Circuit Court of Baltimore City, including the child support papers covered by this grant, which is why the BCSO believes it was successful in winning the grant award that is the subject of this bill.

For the foregoing reasons, the BCSO respectfully requests your **support** for CCB #26-0185.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "N. T. R. Blendy". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Nicholas T.R. Blendy, Esq.
Assistant Sheriff