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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. 18-0070R
Informational Hearing—Crisis Preparedness and Safety in Our Schools**

Dear Council President Young and Members of the City Council:

The Baltimore Police Department (BPD) has reviewed Council Bill 18-0070R. This legislation is for the purpose of calling on representatives from Baltimore City Public Schools Police, the Baltimore Police Department, the Fire Department, and the Mayor's Office of Emergency Management to appear before the Council to discuss emergency preparedness and safety in our schools in the wake of the horrific shootings in Parkland, Florida.

The BPD supports this bill.

According to the FBI Active Shooter Statistics from 2000 to 2015, pre-K to 12th grades have accounted for 16.9% of active shooters in the United States. Unfortunately, school shootings have become more frequent in the past three years. It is important for Baltimore City's first responders to prepare for school crises and update the safety measures within our schools.

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

Sincerely,

Danielle Butcher
Office of the Police Commissioner