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The Honorable President and Members
of the Baltimore City Council
Attn: Karen Randle, Executive Secretary
Room 409, City Hall
100 N. Holliday Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Re: City Council Bill 10-0573 – Gun Offender Registration – Update of
Residence

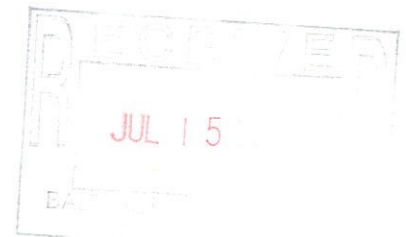
Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 10-0573 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill would require gun offenders to update their address on the gun offender registry before moving out of the City. As currently written, the law requires an address change only for gun offenders who change residences within the City. This law would close a loop-hole that has been utilized successfully by public defenders to avoid liability for their clients by arguing that perhaps the client now lives out of the City.

As this bill is in accordance with the City's general police power under Section 27 of Article 22 of the Baltimore City Charter, the Law Department approves it for form and legal sufficiency.

Very truly yours,

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