



**TO:** The Honorable Stephanie Rawlings Blake  
and Members of the Baltimore City Council  
Room 400 City Hall,  
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**Attn: Karen Randle**

**FROM:** Sheryl Goldstein, Director, Mayor's Office on Criminal Justice

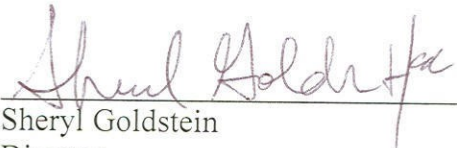
**DATE:** June 5, 2008

**RE:** City Council Bill No. 08-0046R

**City Council Bill No.:** **08-0046R – Baltimore City Safe Childhood Task Force**

The Mayor's Office on Criminal Justice (MOCJ) supports the creation of a task force to review how Baltimore City handles cases of child abuse. The group would focus on investigative, administrative, and judicial handling of these cases and assess local, state and federal coordinated interagency response to the physical, mental and social needs of victims.

Increasing public safety for our citizens is Mayor Dixon's top priority. This task force will provide an important opportunity to improve our efforts to prevent child abuse and assure the best possible outcomes for child abuse victims and their families.

  
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Director  
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