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Police Commissioner

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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. 18-0204
Dangerous Knives- Commercial Display to Minors**

Dear Council President Young and Members of the City Council:

The Baltimore Police Department (BPD) has reviewed Council Bill 18-0204. This legislation is for the purpose of prohibiting the commercial display of certain dangerous knives to minors; conforming related provisions; and generally relating to the commercial display of dangerous knives.

The BPD supports this bill.

Between January of 2016 and January 2018, 2,380 people were victims of an aggravated assault with a knife. Prohibiting the display of certain dangerous knives is another smart way of making our city safer, especially as it relates to young people.

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