

To: Honorable President Scott, and Honorable Members of the Baltimore City Council

Room 400 City Hall

From: David McMillan, Director, Mayor's Office of Emergency Management

1201 E. Cold Spring Lane, Basement Level - Emergency Operations Center (EOC) 2

Date: November 18th, 2019

RE: Council Bill 19-0451- Biennial Comprehensive Crime Reduction Plan

MOEM's Deputy Director of Operations and Homeland Security, Tony Smith, will be present for the November 19<sup>th</sup> 4:05 p.m. hearing regarding a Biennial Comprehensive Crime Reduction Plan.

As Director of MOEM, I submit the following report / testimony regarding MOEM and any crime reduction plan. We can be a resource as requested / directed to assist agencies with incident management and major emergencies / catastrophes, but typically do not have a day to day role in crime reduction, nor any regular input in crime reduction strategy.

We do offer training and other resources to the Baltimore Police Department; most notably, MOEM's Training and Exercise Section Chief Christopher Hiles has provided Incident Command System (ICS) training to BPD personnel over the past year, and continues to partner with BPD on further training. Law Enforcement receives a minimum 25% of Homeland Security Grants and is able to spend these valuable grant dollars on a number of capabilities, including the CitiWatch system, which includes over 750 cameras. CitiWatch is a force multiplier in the fight against violent crime in terms of deterrence/prevention of crime and successfully apprehending and prosecuting offenders. MOEM helps apply for and manage the Homeland Security Grant Program.

Thank you for your support, time, and consideration.

David McMillan

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Cc: Honorable Mayor Bernard C. "Jack" Young

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