



BALTIMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT



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Mayor

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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

**RE: City Council Bill #19-0391
Supplementary State Fund Operating Appropriation- Police Department- \$2,214,357**

Dear Council President Scott and Members of the City Council:

The Baltimore Police Department (BPD) has reviewed Council Bill 19-0391. This legislation is for the purpose of providing a Supplementary State Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$2,214,357 to the Police Department-Service 621 (Administration and Information Technology), to provide funding to support information technology upgrades, a critical step in modernizing the Department and meeting requirements of the Consent Decree with the U.S. Department of Justice; and providing for a special effective date.

This legislation provides the BPD with funding to modernize and enhance the technology within the Police Department. Improving technology will help the Department to become more transparent, improve officer efficiency and ultimately increase public safety throughout Baltimore City.

The BPD supports City Council bill 19-0391. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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Director of Government Affairs

cc: Natwana Austin, Executive Secretary
Jeff Amoros, Mayor's Legislative Liaison
Eric Melancon, Chief of Staff