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	SUBJECT	City Council Bill #17-0067 – “Supplementary Operating Appropriation for State’s Attorney, Victim/Witness Unit Grant”		

TO

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The Honorable President and
Members of the City Council
Room 400, City Hall

May 31st, 2017

City Council Bill #17-0067 has been introduced for the purpose of providing a supplementary State Fund appropriation in the amount of \$1,190,562.00 to the State’s Attorney’s Office, Service 786: Victim Witness Services, to provide funding for assistance to victims of crime in the State of Maryland.

Specifically, the funds will be used to develop a Victim/Witness Unit, which serves the victims and witnesses of crimes that occur in Baltimore City. Trained therapists and advocates will provide court support and accompaniment, individual and group counseling, relocation assistance, restitution assistance and liaison services with prosecutors, public defenders and law enforcement personnel. Funds will provide personnel salary and fringe benefits, equipment and training.

The source of the funding for these initiatives comes from the Maryland Governor’s Office of Crime Control and Prevention (GOCCP). During Fiscal 2017 the State’s Attorney’s Office was not budgeted to accommodate this grant as part of its non-General Fund appropriation.

cc: Henry Raymond