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

Room 400 City Hall

From: Chief James Wallace, Acting Director, Office of Emergency Management

501 N. Calvert St - Emergency Operations Center (EOC)

Date: March 4, 2022

RE: Council Resolution 22-0088R – Informational Hearing—CSX Coal Silo Explosion

The Director of the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) and staff will be present for the Public Safety and Government Operations (PSGO) informational hearing regarding the CSX Coal Silo Explosion. After reviewing the text of the resolution, my recommendation is to invite the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) to the hearing because that agency has subject matter experts who can address the long-term health implications of the explosion, the air quality in the area, and any preventative measures that may be needed in the future. OEM is unable to provide information on these subjects; however, can and will provide information about OEM’s response activities for the incident, as needed.

Respectfully submitted,

Deputy Chief James Wallace

Director, City of Baltimore Office of Emergency Management

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Cc: Honorable Mayor, Brandon M. Scott

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