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To: Honorable President Mosby, and Honorable Members of the Baltimore City Council
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From: Chief James Wallace, Acting Director, Office of Emergency Management
501 N. Calvert St - Emergency Operations Center (EOC)

Date: September 2, 2022

RE: Council Bill #22-0256 Public Safety Apprenticeship Program Advisory Commission

City Council Bill 22 – 0256 calls for the establishment of a Commission to provide oversight, advice, and recommendations to the Fire Chief and Police Commissioner in the internal policies and procedures of the Public Safety Apprenticeship Program (PSAP), as established by Ordinance 22 – 147 enacted on July 7, 2022.

The Office of Emergency Management (OEM) is very supportive of the efforts to create a robust BCFD Apprenticeship Program from which OEM could benefit. The PSAP has only recently been established by ordinance and relevant agencies are currently in the design phase of the program. Further collaboration and coordination between the participating agencies will need to take place before the program design can include a body for oversight or advice.

OEM is opposed to the bill in its present form as clarity is needed around the Commission’s authority (as proposed) and there is a lack of representation from implementing agencies.

OEM looks forward to participating in a discussion on PSAP implementation and around plans for future oversight.

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Cc: Fire Chief, Niles R. Ford