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The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council c/o Karen Randle, Executive Secretary Room 409, City Hall 100 North Holliday Street Baltimore, Maryland 21202

> Re: City Council Bill No. 13-0278 General Fun Appropriation Transfer – Department of General Services (Service 731) to State's Attorney (Service 115) - \$160,000

Dear President and Members,

The Office of the State's Attorney for Baltimore City has reviewed Council Bill No. 13-0278 General Fun Appropriation Transfer – Department of General Services (Service 731) to State's Attorney (Service 115) - \$160,000. The purpose of the transfer is to fund two prosecutors who will be specially assigned to the United States Attorney's Office in Baltimore. Because they will be cross-designated, they will be able to bring cases in federal court where penalties for repeat offenders with certain prior convictions are often stronger.

The two positions were created at the request of the Mayor to provide additional resources for federal prosecution of violent offenders. They will be assigned to the Eastern and Western police districts and will double the number of specially assigned federal prosecutors from our office.

Sincerely,

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cc: Angela Gibson, Mayor's Legislative Liaison



