

## BALTIMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT



STEPHANIE RAWLINGS-BLAKE Mayor

May 30, 2014

ANTHONY W. BATTS Police Commissioner

Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council Room 400, City Hall 100 N. Holliday Street Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Attention: Karen Randle, Executive Secretary

City Council Bill No. 14-0368 Re:

Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation

Police Department - \$1,239,800

Dear Council President Young and Members of the City Council:

The Baltimore Police Department (BPD) has reviewed City Council Bill No. 14-0368 - Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation - Police Department -\$1,239,800. The purpose of the bill is to make an appropriation to Police Patrol for new crime-fighting initiatives.

The supplementary funding will allow the department to deploy resources corresponding with crime spikes based on an analysis of crime trends from previous years and the geographic locations. The department is allocating additional resources for deployment to geographic locations and will utilize various law enforcement strategies with the purpose of reducing violent crime and improving public safety throughout the city. These strategies incorporate "waves" of deployed officers designed to keep criminals from adjusting to our deployment patterns and enforcement strategies.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the legislation.

Sincerely,

Darryl DeSousa

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Neighborhood Patrol Bureau

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cc: Angela Gibson, Mayor's Legislative Liaison

