



BALTIMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT



STEPHANIE RAWLINGS-BLAKE
Mayor

ANTHONY W. BATTS
Police Commissioner

June 15, 2015

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

Attention: Natawna Austin, Executive Secretary

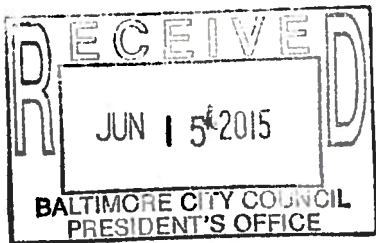
**Re: City Council Bill No. 15-0537
Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation –
Police Department - \$16,000,000**

Dear Council President Young and Members of the City Council:

The Baltimore Police Department (BPD) has reviewed Council Bill 15-0537 which has been introduced for the purpose of providing a Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$16,000,000 to the BPD – Service 622 (Police Patrol). This supplementary appropriation will provide funding for additional operating expenses due to the new contract with the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) and to overtime expenditures that include targeted crime reduction initiatives.

The FOP contract included a 5% raise in FY2015 and longevity steps for officers at Years 7 and 15. These costs were partially offset by abolishing 211 sworn and 14 civilian positions and adjusting the budget for turnover savings. Additionally, this appropriation is needed to cover higher than budgeted overtime because of the pay increases and for targeted crime reduction initiatives.

BPD takes a favorable position on Council Bill 15-0537 but defers to the position of the Department of Finance.



Sincerely,

Andrew G. Vetter
Director of Government Affairs

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Finance*