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The Honorable President and Members
of the Baltimore City Council
Attn: Executive Secretary
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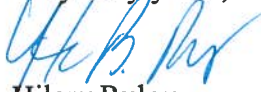
Re: City Council Bill 15-0609 – Supplemental Appropriation – Police
Department – \$346,923

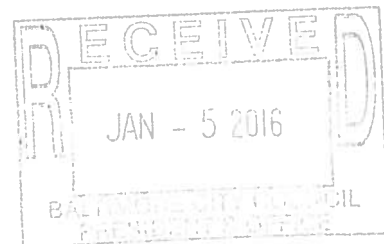
Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 15-0609 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill provides a Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$346,923 to the Police Department of Baltimore City. The source of the funds is the General Fund CSX Settlement Revenue. The bill is effective on the date it is enacted.

The City Charter establishes the criteria for making supplementary appropriations. City Charter, Art. VI, §8. Section 8(b)(3) of Article VI of the City Charter permits such a supplementary appropriation when there has been “a material change in circumstance or additional appropriations for new programs which could not reasonably be anticipated at the time of the formulation of the proposed Ordinance of Estimates” for Fiscal Year 2016. The supplementary appropriation must be recommended by the Board of Estimates and must be approved by the Mayor and City Council via an ordinance, which must identify the source of the funds and may only encompass a “single program, purpose, activity or project.” Although the Police Department is a state agency, state law requires following similar budget and appropriation processes as municipal agencies. Public Local Laws, §§16-2, 16-7, 16-8. The Law Department approves this bill for form and legal sufficiency.

Very truly yours,


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