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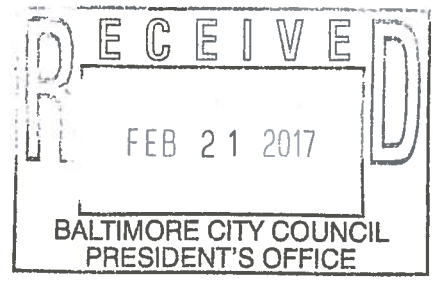
The Honorable President and Members of the City Council

DATE: February 17, 2017

The Mayor's Office of Employment Development (MOED) strongly supports City Council Bill 17-0002R. Consistent with several studies that demonstrate the link between idleness/joblessness and violence, MOED is a natural partner in this effort. Communities in Cleveland, Chicago and other urban areas have already begun to incorporate youth employment strategies to combat violence. MOED also stepped up our efforts to find summer employment for youth after the unrest and increased the number of YouthWorks slots from 5,000 to 8,000. Violence is a problem with many, often compounded, roots that vary by person. Developing the strategy in conjunction with other city agencies should position Baltimore for even greater success by concentrating our services and attacking a myriad of factors at once. We look forward to a closer partnership with other agencies as we work together to reduce violence in Baltimore.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important public policy issue.

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Comments