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	SUBJECT	City Council Bill No. 17-0087		

TO

DATE:

The Honorable President and Members
 Of the City Council
 C/O Kyon Banks
 Room 234, City Hall

June 19, 2017

Dear President and Members:

SUMMARY

This bill will increase the appropriation to the Baltimore City Fire Department – Program 602, for FY 2017 to close out the current fiscal year, against the projected expenditures causing the deficit, which has been projected to be in excess of \$6,000,000 requested.

FISCAL IMPACT

The Baltimore City Fire Department is projecting a deficit in FY 2017 due to cover operating expenses to cover cost overruns for overtime projected that the \$6,000,000 will offset. This appropriation of General funds will insure a closeout against the projected deficit.

RECOMMENDATION

The Baltimore City Fire Department supports this bill. The increase in the appropriation will cover the projected deficit of \$6,000,000. The FY 2017 current budget did not allow for the projected expenditures for overtime cost. The Department has made effort to fill operational vacancies which cause the excessive overtime, with two classes this past winter and another will be starting in the near future. The mandate for filling the fire suppression and emergency medical services slots on a daily basis remains the primary focus. The Baltimore City Fire Department supports the approval of this bill.