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BALTIMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT



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Police Commissioner

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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. 17-0047R
Calling For An Expansive Auxiliary Police Program in Baltimore**

Dear Council President Young and Members of the City Council:

The Baltimore Police Department (the BPD) has reviewed Council Bill 17-0047R. This resolution is for the purpose of calling for an expansive Auxiliary Police Program and the expanded use of telephone and online crime reporting in Baltimore.

The BPD has experienced a steep decline in the number of sworn officers over the last several years. This phenomenon has led to a multitude of problems including budgetary issues, crime control, and staffing problems. A robust Auxiliary Police Program would help offset these problems and allow sworn officers to focus on crime enforcement. Expanded use of telephone and online reporting would help accomplish these goals, as well.

The BPD supports this bill. However, it should be noted that there is no official budget or funding source for the Auxiliary Police Unit that currently exists – it is entirely voluntary.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. The Department looks forward to working with the City Council on this matter.

Sincerely,

James A. Gillis
Chief of Staff