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The Honorable President and Members
of the Baltimore City Council
c/o Natwana Austiin, Executive Secretary
Room 409, City Hall
100 North Holliday Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Re: City Council Bill 19-0443 – Gun Offender Registration – Additional Violations

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 19-0443, which would require individuals who have been convicted in Baltimore City of certain gun offenses to register with the Baltimore City Police Department. The purpose of the bill is to add additional violations of State gun laws to the list of offenses that will trigger the registration requirement

The City has the authority, under its general police power, to require gun offenders to register with the Police Department and to enumerate the offenses that will trigger registration as provided for in Council Bill 19-0443. See Baltimore City Charter, Art. 22, § 27 (permitting the City to exercise the "Police Power to the same extent as the State" within the limits of Baltimore City); *State v. Williams*, 728 N.E.2d 342, 355 (Ohio 2000) (holding that Ohio's laws requiring sexual offenders to register was a reasonable exercise of the police power).

Accordingly, the Law Department approves Council Bill 19-0443 for form and legal sufficiency.

Sincerely yours

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Elena R. DiPietro".

Elena R. DiPietro
Chief Solicitor

cc: Andre Davis, City Solicitor
Matthew Stegman, Mayor's Legislative Liaison
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