



November 15, 2019

The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
Attn: Executive Secretary
City Hall, Room 409
100 North Holliday Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

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

Dear Council President Scott and Members of the City Council:

The Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice ("MOCJ") has reviewed City Council Bill #19-0443. This legislation would amend the definition of "gun offender" to add certain criminal violations for which a conviction would require an individual to register with the Baltimore City Police Commissioner; and conforming, correcting and clarifying related provisions.

In general, gun offender registration laws are based on the theory that gun offenders pose unique dangers to others, including law enforcement officers, and should be monitored to prevent them from re-offending and to promote public safety. Council Bill #19-0443 represents a thoughtful update to the existing Gun Offender Registration law and therefore, MOCJ supports the bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Ganesha Martin
Director

cc: Sunny Schnitzer, Deputy Chief of Staff – Public Safety
Matt Stegman, Mayor's Legislative Liaison