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	SUBJECT	Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice Report for CCB#20-0486		

TO Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
 Room 400, City Hall
 100 Holliday Street
 Baltimore, MD 21202

DATE: January 30, 2020

Dear President Scott and Members of the City Council,

The Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice (MOCJ) has received Council Bill 20-0486. The purpose of CCB20-0486 is to establish a rebate program for certain homeowners and lessees who purchase and install a private security camera system on or after June 1, 2020 on their property. Program participants will receive up to \$150.00 or the cost of the camera system, whichever is lesser, in return for registering their system with the CitiWatch Community Partnership and submitting an application to the Director of Finance. Rebates are subject to availability of funds and additional provisions as established by this bill. Coordination between the Department of Finance, Department of Planning, and Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice is required by this bill in order to develop the rules and regulations for the program.

The Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice fully supports the passage of City Council Bill 20-0486. The bill will enhance collaboration between members of the community and the Baltimore Police Department as it relates to the continued pursuit of violence reduction and prevention. Cameras not only provide the valuable resource of video footage but serve as crime deterrents by their existence alone. The Program will also complement the Baltimore Police Department's CitiWatch program and will provide additional camera coverage at a fraction of the cost of what would be required to purchase and install additional CitiWatch cameras.

The Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice looks forward to participating in further discussion at the Public Safety Committee hearing.

Sincerely,



Sunny Schnitzer
 Deputy Chief of Staff, Public Safety

cc: Tamika Gauvin, Director, Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice
 Nina Themelis, Legislative Liaison, Mayor's Office of Government Relations