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To: Honorable President Mosby, and Honorable Members of the Baltimore City Council
Room 400 City Hall

From: Chief James Wallace, Acting Director, Office of Emergency Management
501 N. Calvert St - Emergency Operations Center (EOC)

Date: September 21, 2021

RE: Council Bill 21-0094 – Public Safety Apprenticeship Program—Establishment (The Hometown Heroes Act)

The Acting Director of the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) and staff will be present for the Public Safety Government Operations Committee hearing regarding establishing a Public Safety Apprenticeship Program for the City of Baltimore. As Acting Director of OEM, I support the creation of this Program and as designated, OEM will participate in meetings of the designated public safety agencies. Please note that if the opportunity to support hiring an apprentice, cadet, explorer, or intern is made available to OEM, we would enthusiastically support the opportunity.

Thank you for your support, time, and consideration.

Deputy Chief James Wallace
Acting Director, City of Baltimore Office of Emergency Management

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