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FROM: Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services

June 28, 2021

The Honorable Larry Hogan
Governor of Maryland
100 State Circle
Annapolis, MD 21401

The Honorable William C. "Bill" Ferguson IV
President of the Senate
State House, H-107
Annapolis, MD 21401-1991

The Honorable Adrienne Jones
Speaker of the House of Delegates
State House, H-101
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: Report required by Public Safety Article § 4-1504; Senate Bill 929, 2020/Chapter 20, 2021 (MSAR #13380)

Dear Governor Hogan, President Ferguson, and Speaker Jones:

In accordance with § 4-1504 of the Public Safety Article, which requires the Department of State Police, Baltimore City, the Department of Juvenile Services, the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, and the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services (Office) to each submit a report to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 31, 2020, and annually thereafter, please accept this letter as fulfillment of the Office's required report.¹

Senate Bill 929, 2020/Chapter 20, 2021, [Public Safety - Baltimore City - P.R.O.T.E.C.T. \(Public Resources Organizing to End Crime Together\) Program](#), established the P.R.O.T.E.C.T. Program to maximize the use of State, local, and community resources to combat neighborhood decline in the City of Baltimore and throughout the State, support comprehensive strategies to reduce crime and fear in those communities, and ensure that Baltimore Police Department sworn officers are utilized in direct public safety roles. It also requires the Office to select 10 high-crime micro-zones within the State and create, as a civilian position, an "End the Violence" P.R.O.T.E.C.T. Coordinator position for each high-crime micro-zone. In addition, each

¹ Maryland General Assembly. [Senate Bill 929 \(2020\)/Chapter 20 \(2021\). Public Safety - Baltimore City - P.R.O.T.E.C.T. \(Public Resources Organizing to End Crime Together\) Program](#).

coordinator must reside in the jurisdiction in which the high-crime micro-zone is located and must:

- Ensure utilization of all existing crime prevention programs and grants;
- Coordinate community and youth programs;
- Assist with community mobilization and activities to reclaim public space;
- Assist with rapid response to public nuisances; and
- Coordinate community engagement with the local law enforcement agency with jurisdiction in the high-crime micro-zone.

Furthermore, and pursuant to § 4-1504 of the Public Safety Article, the Department of State Police, Baltimore City, the Department of Juvenile Services, the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, and the Office must each submit a report to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 31, 2020, and annually thereafter, as it relates to the progress made in implementing the requirements of this subtitle. Specific to the reporting requirements of the Office, the report must include: (1) a description of the activities of each “End the Violence” P.R.O.T.E.C.T. Coordinator during the year; and (2) the results of any activities or projects completed during the year in each micro-zone established.

Given the reporting requirements of this Act, the Office entered into a contract with a vendor to receive the necessary neighborhood level data for the entire State of Maryland. The Office is also working with Maryland Criminal Intelligence Network coalitions to help identify high-crime micro-zones.²

Although efforts have occurred to implement the requirements of the Act, the Office did not submit a report by December 31, 2020, because Senate Bill 929 (2020) was vetoed. For this reason, the Office will submit the first report on December 31, 2021.

Should you have any questions relating to the information provided in this report, please feel free to contact me at 410-697-9338.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director

cc: Sarah Albert, Department of Legislative Services (5 copies)

² Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services. [Maryland Criminal Intelligence Network](#).