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

December 31, 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

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 established the P.R.O.T.E.C.T. (Public Resources Organizing to End Crime Together) 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 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;

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.](#)

- 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 each year as it relates to the progress made in implementing 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.

The Office’s Criminal Justice Programs Division, in collaboration with the Maryland Statistical Analysis Center, obtained third party geographical criminal justice data to assist in defining and identifying 10 high-crime micro-zones in Maryland. Information has also been obtained from Maryland Criminal Intelligence Network coalitions to further determine the high-crime micro-zones.² The Office continues to develop the roles and responsibilities of the coordinator position, and obtain information for the implementation of a Memorandum of Understanding(s) with local and State law enforcement agencies.

Should you have any questions relating to the information provided, 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](#).