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

December 13, 2022

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 (MSAR #13380) - Letter on Public Safety Resources Organizing to End Crime Together (P.R.O.T.E.C.T.)

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 throughout the State, support comprehensive strategies to reduce crime and fear in those communities, and ensure that local law enforcement 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 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 coordinator during the year; and (2) the results of any activities or projects completed during the year in each micro-zone established.

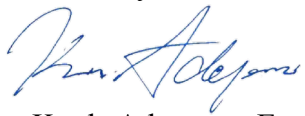
The Office, in collaboration with the Maryland Statistical Analysis Center, obtained third party geographical criminal justice data to assist in defining and identifying 10 high-crime micro-zones in Maryland. Information was also obtained from Maryland Criminal Intelligence Network coalitions to further determine the high-crime micro-zones.² In addition, and based on a five-year analysis of violent crime data, the following high-crime micro-zones were identified: Allegany County, Baltimore City, Baltimore County, Anne Arundel County, Cecil County, Frederick County, Dorchester County, Prince George's County, Washington County, and Wicomico County. Using this information, law enforcement agencies for each jurisdiction were selected to identify where the coordinators would be embedded.

In 2022, the Office held several meetings with law enforcement professionals to coordinate the successful implementation of the P.R.O.T.E.C.T. Program. The Office also developed a memorandum of understanding, in partnership with law enforcement agencies, to identify its shared responsibilities with law enforcement entities located in the high-crime micro-zones. On July 21, 2022, the Office released a position announcement regarding the coordinator position. Between July 21, 2022 and August 4, 2022, which represents the closing date for applications, the Office received over 160 applications which were vetted for best qualified, better qualified, and qualified for the position. Given the influx of applications, the Office is currently conducting interviews to identify the best qualified candidates to fill the coordinator position in the identified jurisdictions. The Office is also in the process of creating a training curriculum to ensure best practices are utilized in reducing crime and fear in the high-crime micro-zones.

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

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kunle Adeyemo". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kunle" and last name "Adeyemo" clearly distinguishable.

Kunle Adeyemo, Esq.
Executive Director

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