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Chair Maggie McNosh
Appropriations Committee
Room 121
House Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: House Bill 91: Public Safety – Police Athletic League Grant Fund – Establishment

Position: Informational

Dear Chair McIntosh and Members of the Appropriations Committee

The Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services is providing this letter of information for House Bill 091: Public Safety – Police Athletic League Grant Fund – Establishment

This legislation would create a new grant program at the office to administer funding to the National Police Athletic Activities Leagues or any of its membership chapters. This legislation implements \$500,000 in mandate funding to the Governor's budget beginning in FY23 related to this grant fund.

The Office works closely with the Boys and Girls Clubs and Police Athletic Leagues to provide youth programming. In FY21, the Office contributed \$450,000 to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Metropolitan Baltimore, Inc to be used at four BGC sites in Baltimore City. Much of this funding went towards partnerships between the Club and local Police Athletic Leagues. Governor Hogan has included an additional \$450,000 in the FY22 budget to be used for expanding the programming of Boys and Girls Clubs and their participation with Police Athletic Leagues.

Recently, our office provided the Maryland Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs with \$1.7 million in funding to expand evidence-based youth programming in 13 jurisdictions in Maryland. The goal

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of this effort is to improve the wellbeing of an estimated 5000 children and youth in the State of Maryland. PAL will be an essential part of this opportunity as these programs will be implemented in each of the 13 sites where Boys & Girls Club programming will be expanded.

With the coronavirus pandemic deeply affecting the mental health and well-being of Maryland's youth, programming with Boys and Girls Clubs and Police Athletic Leagues are vital in our youth outreach efforts.

Please feel free to reach out to the Office for further information as needed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "V. Glenn Fueston, Jr.", with a stylized, flowing script.

V. Glenn Fueston, Jr.
Executive Director