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TO: The Honorable Members of the Judiciary Committee

FROM: Erin C. Murphy, Esq., Director of Government Affairs, Baltimore Police Dept.

RE: House Bill 0856- Gun Offenders Pilot Program

DATE: March 7, 2023

### **POSITION: SUPPORT**

Chair Clippinger, Vice-Chair Moon, and members of the Committee, please be advised that the Baltimore Police Department **supports** House Bill 0856.

House Bill 0856 establishes the Baltimore City Gun Offenders Pilot Program. This program would provide convicted gun offenders with individualized case treatment plans, specialized guidance and treatment and rehabilitation services. The bill would require that the Division of Correction implement and administer the Program. It would also authorize the judiciary to order an individual to participate in the program as a condition of probation.

The Baltimore Police Department supports this Bill as it is an effort to address the gun violence that persists in the city. For this reason, the Baltimore Police Department respectfully requests a **favorable** report on House Bill 0856.