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Madame State's Attorney,

Thank you for your work and the work of the men and women at the Baltimore City State's Attorney's Office (SAO) on behalf of the City of Baltimore.

As you are aware, the City Council's Ways & Means Committee is preparing to hold FY2023 budget hearings during the week of May 31 – June 07, 2022. The Bureau of Budget and Management Research (BBMR) has already been in touch with representatives from your agency to advise on the format of hearings, your specific date / time slot, and a request for an updated organizational chart along with cell phone numbers for Command Staff (Major and above in rank) and key civilian personnel, to be submitted to BBMR by no later than May 31, 2022. The Ways & Means Committee looks forward to discussing your agency's progress in FY2022 and your proposed plans for FY2023.

As we reach the halfway point of what could be Baltimore's eighth straight year of 300+ homicides, the citizens of our city are speaking clearly of their need for relief from the historic levels of violence gripping our communities. By any measure, crime has reached unacceptable levels, that is terrorizing our citizens, and dampening the morale of an already beleaguered city. As a result of decades of disinvestment and flippant dismissals of the root causes of crime, chiefly, inadequate K-12 public education and lack of economic opportunity, our neighborhoods are under siege like never before. This Committee stands ready to make available the tools necessary to scale out prosecutorial efforts to go after repeat Part 1 crime offenders and keep them off our streets.

Staffing - the SAO includes the following prosecutorial units of Assistant State's Attorneys (ASAs), which each include a certain number of supervisors and line-ASAs.

- Homicide
- Special Victims Unit (SVU)
- Gun Violence Enforcement Division (GVED)
- Major Investigations Unit (MIU)
- Criminal Strategies Unit (CSU)
- Narcotics Unit
- General Felony Unit
- Conviction Integrity Unit
- Public Trust and Police Integrity Unit (PTPIU)
- Misdemeanor Unit
- Economic Crimes Unit
- Evidence Review Unit
- Sentencing Review Unit



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Staffing (continued)

- Juvenile Unit
- District Court

It is my understanding that several of these prosecutorial units are currently understaffed for supervisors and ASAs by more than 50%, specifically the GVED, MIU, Narcotics, and District Court units.

For each of these units, please provide in writing the following information, by unit, by no later than June 03, 2022:

1. Number of authorized supervisor positions for FY2022
2. Number of authorized supervisor positions for FY2023
3. Number of supervisor positions filled as of May 19, 2022
4. Number of vacant supervisor positions as of May 19, 2022
5. Name of each filled supervisor position
6. Number of total days each supervisor position was vacant during FY2022
7. Number of authorized line-ASA positions for FY2022
8. Number of authorized line-ASA positions for FY2023
9. Number of line-ASA positions filled as of May 19, 2022
10. Number of vacant line-ASA positions as of May 19, 2022
11. Name of each filled line-ASA position
12. Number of total days each line-ASA position was vacant during FY2022
13. Narrative outlining efforts to fill each supervisor and line-ASA position through the end of FY2022 and throughout FY2023

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding - as you are aware, the City of Baltimore was awarded significant ARPA funding from the federal government, specifically in the amount of \$641 million.. Please provide a list of all requests your office has made for ARPA funding by subject, amount, and brief narrative of request, in writing, by no later than June 03, 2022.

Victim Services - the SAO plays a critical role in deploying victim services. Please be fully prepared to discuss your full staffing model, all challenges, and what resources you need to ensure victim services are being performed comprehensively.

SAO Coordination - SAO also plays a critical role in coordination with the Maryland Department of Juvenile Services (DJS), the Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Service's Division of Parole and Probation (DPSCS P&P), and the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC). In addition, SAO works closely with the Baltimore Police Department (BPD) and Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement (MONSE). Please be fully prepared to discuss these coordination efforts, any challenges, and how your office plans to utilize FY2023 funding to improve these efforts in specific detail at your budget hearing.



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Should you have questions, please feel free to contact me directly at eric.costello@baltimorecity.gov or 410-396-4816.

Sincerely,

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