

## STATE OF MARYLAND OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

August 14, 2017

Dear Members of the Baltimore City Criminal Justice Coordinating Council,

The tragic and disturbing violence being experienced in Baltimore City demands collaborative responses from partners at all levels of government. Our administration stands ready to continue supporting and working with Mayor Pugh, local and federal law enforcement, and all city leadership to combat this crisis and help ensure the safety and well-being of city residents.

The Baltimore City Criminal Justice Coordinating Council was established to conduct this necessary collaboration. The Council's mission is to work cooperatively to enhance public safety and reduce crime in Baltimore City, to advance the fair and timely disposition of cases, and to ensure justice for those accused of crimes and the victims of crimes.

As we all work to reduce violence in Maryland's largest city, we need a robust and frank discussion on how the Council has been effectuating this goal and what can be done to improve outcomes.

To these ends, I will host the members of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council at my Baltimore office located at 6 Paul Street on August 29, 2017 at 11:30 AM.

Please confirm your attendance with Amanda Allen at Amanda.Allen@Maryland.gov or 410-974-3901.

Thank you for your dedicated efforts to making Maryland a safer place to live, work, and raise a family. I look forward to a productive dialogue with all of you on August 29th.

Sincerely,

Larry Hogan Governor