

November 23, 2021

The Honorable Marilyn J. Mosby Baltimore City State's Attorney 120 E Baltimore St Baltimore, MD 21202

State's Attorney Mosby:

Addressing the violent crime crisis continues to be the most important priority of the people of Baltimore City. The Hogan administration has directed record levels of funding for public safety efforts, but as we once again mark the tragic milestone of over 300 murders in Baltimore this year, it is critical that real action is taken to keep violent criminals off our streets.

Governor Hogan has a deep understanding of the gravity of the situation in Baltimore City, which is why he has committed more than \$6 billion in local aid, including more than \$1 billion specifically designated for public safety and crime control initiatives. More than \$241 million of that funding has come from the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services (GOCPYVS) in support of law enforcement, youth prevention efforts, and services for victims of crime in Baltimore City, including the States Attorney's Office.

The public deserves to know that the funds allocated to your office are being used to vigorously prosecute criminals and keep them off our streets. We cannot measure the effectiveness of this investment without clear, consistent, and measurable performance data from funding recipients. To provide a more complete picture, we are requesting that you disclose additional information, including:

- The number of cases your office has chosen not to prosecute, including a breakdown of the reasons for non-prosecution (nolle prosequi, STET, dismissed, etc.)
- The number of cases plead down to lesser charges, including plea agreements reached that are less than mandatory minimum sentencing guidelines
- The number of repeat offenders who were offered plea deals

We ask that your office provide this data by Dec. 30, and commit to publishing it at regular intervals going forward. GOCPYVS will be placing all funding for your office under evaluation pending the fulfilment of this request and review of the data produced.

The people of Baltimore City deserve to feel safe in their homes, businesses, and in their community, and they deserve to understand the full scope of prosecutorial work being done by your office to address this escalating crisis. The Hogan administration has steadfastly allocated significant resources to support law enforcement and public safety initiatives in the city, but those efforts depend on adequate prosecutions of violent criminals.

We look forward to continuing to work with you and your office in a way that best serves and protects Baltimore City residents.

Sincerely,

Glenn Fueston

Executive Director

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