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Cara Sullivan, Policy and Planning Chief
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Dear Ms. Sullivan:

I am writing in support of the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention's application for Technology Innovation for Public Safety (TIPS) FY 2015 Competitive Grant. As the primary law enforcement agency for the City of Baltimore, the Baltimore Police Department is always eager to take part in creative, proactive methods of eliminating gang and gun related crimes, specifically, homicides and shootings.

This funding would provide the Baltimore City Police Department state-of-the-art assistance with gun related crime investigations. The alarming increase of homicides and shootings that have occurred in Baltimore City within the past six months substantiates that this innovative approach to gun crime investigations would be essential in solving these crimes and would greatly improve the quality of life for the residents of Baltimore City.

The Baltimore Police Department fully supports this project and is optimistic that implementing this program would be helpful in eliminating gun crimes by apprehending suspects, prosecuting and convicting perpetrators, and creating safe communities for the residents who reside in them.

Sincerely,

Anthony Batts
Baltimore City Police Department
Police Commissioner