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The Honorable Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.
Governor, State of Maryland
100 State Circle
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Governor Hogan,

As I draft this letter, the City of Baltimore faces a matter of public safety that threatens to further erode the public's full-faith and confidence in the men and women of the Baltimore Police Department who are sworn to protect and serve our citizens.

Residents of Baltimore, Md., and the broader nation are increasingly frustrated by the scant details surfacing around the mysterious death of Mr. Freddie Gray, who suffered a fatal spinal cord injury on April 12 while in police custody. They are increasing their clarion call for an unbiased, independent investigation into the events that led to his tragic and untimely death.¹

As a fellow elected official and steward of the public's trust, I know that you share my desire to provide citizens with a complete and speedy accounting of the events that led to Mr. Gray's death in order to provide his family and our citizens with much-needed answers. This investigation must be thorough and beyond reproach.

To that end, on behalf of the citizens of Baltimore, I write to you to formally and respectfully request that you exercise the authority granted to you by the Constitution of Maryland² to direct the Office of the Maryland Attorney General to conduct an independent investigation into the events surrounding the death of Mr. Gray.

I look forward to working with both your office and the Office of the Attorney General in a transparent fashion that will help restore the public's trust in our local law enforcement officers.

¹ Justin George, Kevin Rector and Colin Campbell, *Baltimore police focus on van ride in investigation of Freddie Gray's death*, The Baltimore Sun, April 21, 2015, available at <http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/maryland/baltimore-city/bs-md-ci-freddie-gray-protests-20150420-story.html#page=1>

² "Constitution of Maryland," Copyright February 19, 2013, Maryland State Archives, <http://msa.maryland.gov/msa/mdmanual/43const/html/05art5.html>

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bernard C. Young". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "B" and "Y".

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Cc: The Honorable Boyd K. Rutherford, Lt. Governor of Maryland
 The Honorable Brian E. Frosh, Maryland Attorney General
 The Honorable Catherine E. Pugh, member Senate of Maryland
 The Honorable Curt Anderson, member, Maryland General Assembly, Chair, Baltimore
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 The Honorable Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, Mayor, City of Baltimore
 The Honorable Marilyn J. Mosby, State's Attorney, City of Baltimore
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