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# BALTIMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT



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Interim Police Commissioner

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The Honorable Elijah Cummings, Ranking Member  
Committee on Oversight and Government Reform  
2471 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Cummings:

On behalf of the Baltimore Police Department, I am writing to express my support for the Gun Trafficking Prevention Act of 2015. Gun violence is a problem in the City of Baltimore, and this legislation will help keep guns out of the hands of felons and other dangerous criminals who cannot legally buy guns on their own.

By passing this bill, Congress will remedy a gap in current law – the lack of a dedicated federal statute prohibiting gun trafficking. The bill would strengthen the penalties for those who act as “straw purchasers” for felons otherwise prohibited from purchasing or possessing a firearm.

The Baltimore Police Department is confident that by passing this bill, we can keep guns out of the hands of violent criminals. We urge passage of this important legislation. Thank you.

Sincerely,

**Kevin Davis**  
Interim Police Commissioner