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Mr. Marcus Roosevelt Taylor
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Dear Mr. Taylor:

As you know, we wrote to you in January requesting that we be able to meet with you. We wanted to discuss the factors in your life and career that led you to engage in the conduct that led to your conviction in February 2018 and the sentence you are now serving. We also wanted to know how your career experiences in the Baltimore Police Department (BPD) and matters in your personal life (financial pressures, etc.) played a role in your engaging in that conduct, and whether you think things would have turned out differently for you if your training, your supervision, or other parts of your experience within BPD would have been different than they were. The goal is to understand, not to criticize or condemn.

We never heard back from you, which was disappointing. Since then, we have learned a number of things about you. We know that your father and stepmother are US Army veterans and that you are close to them. We know that you became a police officer because you wanted to play a constructive role in fighting drug addiction, which has affected your own family. We know that you have a 12-year-old son and that people attest to the fact that you are a devoted father who has tried to continue to communicate with your son even while you are incarcerated. We also understand that you had an unblemished record in BPD before the events for which you were tried and convicted. Obviously, none of these factors explain your conduct. Quite the contrary – they make it even harder to understand.

We have spoken to one of the defendants in this case and found our lengthy discussion with him (by video) to be extremely helpful in understanding the factors that led him to engage in the conduct that led to his conviction. As a result, when we tell his story in our report, it will be based in significant part on what he told us. We will also tell your story, whether or not you

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decide to speak with us – but if we are unable to speak directly with you, it will not include your voice and your perspective.

We hope that you will change your mind about speaking with us. It would be helpful to us in completing our assignment, but it would also potentially be of great value to BPD recruits and young officers. If they could hear from you and other defendants in the case about the choices you made and why you made them, it might well help them to avoid the pressures and turn away from the temptations that you faced.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael R. Bromwich". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Michael" and last name "Bromwich" clearly legible.

Michael R. Bromwich

cc: Honorable Catherine C. Blake
United States District Judge

Honorable James K. Bredar
United States District Judge