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The Honorable Bill Ferguson
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The Honorable Adrienne A. Jones
Speaker
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RE: Report Required by State Government Article § 5-112 (MSAR #5566)

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

On behalf of the Social Determinants of Health Taskforce and Advisory Board, as required in SB 444, enclosed please find the Fiscal Year 2019 Annual Report. “The Task Force [on the Social Determinants of Health in Baltimore City] shall submit a report to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly on the activities of the Task Force.”

This report provides summary information of the activities of the taskforce during the period. It highlights accomplishments consistent with the taskforce’s goals of identifying, analyzing, and recommending strategies to address the cyclical, multigenerational negative social factors that create hardship for residents of Baltimore City. The taskforce focuses on five broad social determinant of health areas: 1) health and human services, 2) housing, 3) education, 4) social justice, and 5) workforce development and jobs. The overall mission of the taskforce is to collaborate with key stakeholders to seek solutions to improve the environment in which Baltimore City residents live, work, play, and worship.

I want to take this opportunity on behalf of the SDH Taskforce to express appreciation for your support and ongoing concern for addressing social determinants of health in Baltimore City. If you would like further information, please do not hesitate to reach out to me directly at ogbolu@umaryland.edu or by phone at 410-706-8198.

Sincerely,

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