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On behalf of the members of Baltimore City FOP Lodge #3, we offer our best wishes to Chief Joel Fitzgerald and hope that his son makes a full and fast recovery.

As Mayor Pugh turns her attention to another selection process, our hope is that she will look to someone with the proper experience, and documented success, that it will take to lead the Baltimore Police Department forward. Unfortunately, however, the right candidate is only half of the solution. The other half will require that, once in place, the next Police Commissioner be given the appropriate autonomy to perform the required duties to the very best of his/her experience. At this time, there are numerous others in positions of power outside of the Police Department, who lack any policing skill and experience but who feel competent, for some reason, to make policies that have detrimentally affected our members and, in doing so, the citizens of Baltimore City.

We respectfully request that Mayor Pugh give her full attention to not just finding the right person for the job of Police Commissioner but, also, to giving that person the full support necessary to lead our agency, without unnecessary impediment, to the success that is so desperately needed. In essence, we hope that she finds a practiced leader and then allows him/her to lead us to be, not only a better police department, but a better city.