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City Council President Stephanie Rawlings-Blake's Statement Regarding Attack on City Bus

Baltimore, MD (December 6, 2007) – “On this day of celebration and honor, as our Seventieth City Council is sworn in, I am outraged and saddened by Tuesday’s incident that took place on bus Number 27. I am in close contact with the Mayor’s Office and the Police Department to ensure that timely and accurate information is not only brought to the City’s leadership, but to all of Baltimore’s citizens.

“I share the Mayor’s commitment to doing anything I can to decrease violence in our City. As I shared with the audience at today’s ceremony, any strategy to reduce violence in Baltimore must address not only the violence, but the root of that behavior. Not just the violent people, but the environments that create them. Not just the teens in crisis, but the circumstances fueling that crisis.

“I would caution all citizens to react appropriately to this recent incident, knowing that such violence reflects the attitudes and behavior of the people involved, and no one else. I urge the people of Baltimore to trust that investigators are working diligently to ensure that all involved are brought to immediate and suitable justice.”

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