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Police Commissioner

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Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
Room 400, City Hall
100 N. Holliday Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Attention: Natawna Austin, Executive Secretary

**Re: City Council Bill No. 18-0288
York Corridor Business Improvement District- Establishment**

Dear Council President Young and Members of the City Council:

The Baltimore Police Department (BPD) has reviewed Council Bill 18-0288. This legislation is for the purpose of creating a community benefits district, to be known as the York Corridor Business Improvement District; specifying the boundaries of the Districts; creating an Authority and providing for its rights, duties, and powers; providing for the selection and composition of the Authority's Board of Directors; providing for an Administrator for the Authority; mandating the financial responsibilities of the Authority and the City in conjunction with the operation of the District; providing for the assessment, collection, and enforcement of a supplemental tax to be collected by and for the Authority; specifying the City's role in maintaining and enhancing existing services; designate the Board of Estimates as the agency charged with reviewing and approving various matters relating to the District and the authority; provide for the renewal, expiration, terminations and approval of the District and Authority; provide for a special effective date; and generally relating to the existence, operation and control of the York Corridor Business Improvement District and Authority.

The BPD has a positive relationship with existing four Districts and Authorities and currently works with the Charles Village District, providing as safety patrols and supplemental patrols by on-duty BPD officers. Should City Council Bill 18-0288 be approved and legislated, the BPD looks forward to working with the York Corridor Business Improvement District and Authority to implement a service agreement that best suits the York Corridor Business Improvement District and Authority's needs.

The BPD is support of City Council bill 18-0288. Thank you for the opportunity to comment. The BPD looks forward to working with the City Council on this matter.

Sincerely,

Eric J. Melancon
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