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| | SUBJECT | City Council Bill 11-0715 | | |

TO

The Honorable President and Members
of the City Council
c/o Karen Randle
Room 400 City Hall

June 9, 2011

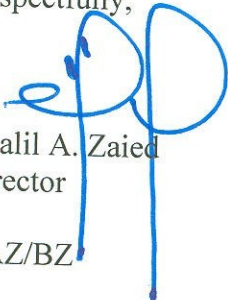
I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 11-0715.

The purpose of this bill is to modify the composition of the Board of Licenses for Towing Services to include a representative from the City Council and a representative from the property management industry; authorize the Board to deny, suspend, revoke or refuse to renew a license upon receipt, if the Board has received 5 or more valid individual complaints of unfair or improper business practices against a given application or licensee within a 6-month period; and correct, clarify, and conform certain language.

The Department of Transportation (DOT) appreciates the sponsors' efforts to strengthen the Board's enforcement powers against towing companies engaged in unfair or improper business practices. It is our understanding of the bill that it makes the Director of Finance, Director of Transportation, and Police Commissioner ex officio members of the Board, but those members still retain their rights to vote and serve as Chair of the Board. DOT cannot support this bill if this is not the Council's intent or Law Department's interpretation of the ex officio members' rights. Generally, DOT supports the bill sponsors' efforts to increase the Board's membership and strengthen its powers.

For these reasons and given the provisions stipulated above, DOT has no objections to this bill.

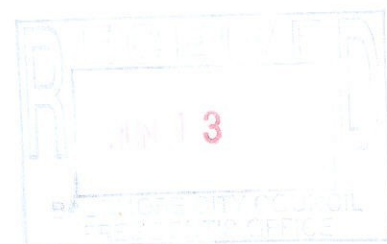
Respectfully,



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