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FREDERICK H. BEALEFELD, III  
Police Commissioner

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TO: The Honorable President and Members  
of the Baltimore City Council  
Room 400 City Hall  
**Attn. Karen Randle**

FROM: James H. Green, <sup>JHG</sup> Deputy Legal Counsel  
Baltimore Police Department

RE: City Council Bill No. 08-0255-Taxicabs and other Common Carriers-  
Refusal to Pay Fare

The Baltimore Police Department (BPD) has reviewed City Council Bill No. 08-0255- Taxicabs and other Common Carriers-Refusal to Pay Fare which clarifies language in Article 19 § 52 and provides increased penalties for failure to pay the fare for transportation in a taxicab or other vehicle operated as a common carrier.

The BPD supports these changes as increased penalties for violating this provision will provide deterrent value for committing this type of offense. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this legislation.

cc: Frederick H. Bealefeld III, Police Commissioner, BPD  
Angela Gibson, Mayor's Legislative Liaison

