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The Honorable President and Members  
of the Baltimore City Council  
Attn: Executive Secretary, Natawna B. Austin  
Room 409, City Hall  
100 N. Holliday Street  
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Re: City Council Bill 18-0180 – Police Ordinances – Prohibiting the Purchase  
of Prostitution

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 18-0180 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill would prohibit the purchase of prostitution in Baltimore City; define certain terms; establish certain penalties; and set a special effective date.

The bill is consistent with Article II, Sections 27 and 48 of the City Charter which authorize the Mayor and City Council to “exercise within the limits of Baltimore City all the power commonly known as the Police Power to the same extent as the State has or could exercise that power within the limits of Baltimore City,” and “to provide civil and criminal fines and penalties for the violation of any ordinance, rule or regulations established by the City under or in the execution of any power granted by this Article II.”

Therefore, the Law Department approves the bill for form and legal sufficiency.

Very truly yours, *ecm*

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