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	SUBJECT	City Council Bill 11-0314R		

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

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I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 11-0314R.

The purpose of this bill is for respectfully requesting the Honorable Chairs and Members of the Baltimore City Senate and House Delegations to the 2012 session of the Maryland General Assembly to introduce and secure passage of state enabling legislation to authorize Baltimore City to adopt parking regulations to allow, in certain circumstances, cars to be parked in a manner not consistent with State transportation law.

The Department of Transportation (DOT) understands that City residents often suffer the brunt of increasingly intense vehicular demands when it comes time to park their cars on city streets. This is particularly true on narrower streets designed long before modern vehicles, where cars cannot park along both sides of the street without obstructing traffic flow. However, parking on sidewalks not only violates state law, but it obstructs pedestrian traffic flow, likely violates the Americans with Disabilities Act by failing to leave enough room for the passage of wheelchairs, and prematurely degrades sidewalks not constructed to accommodate vehicles, which raises replacement costs paid directly by the citizens. This is, unfortunately, a very complicated issue.

DOT looks forward to discussing all of these issues with the Council at the hearing on November 16, and later with the Maryland General Assembly. DOT has no objections to the passage of this resolution.

Respectfully,


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Director

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