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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. 08-0246-Enticing Minors-Expanded Coverage

The Baltimore Police Department (BPD) has reviewed City Council Bill No. 08--Enticing Minors-Expanded Coverage which provides for extending the prohibition against enticing a minor into a vehicle, increasing the penalties for violations, and clarifying related language.

City Council Bill No. 08-0246 is designed to strengthen the protection of minors from predators. The bill reclassifies the current "affirmative" defenses as "exceptions" and proposes to adjust the penalty section of the current law to include incarceration for up to twelve (12) months and increase the applicable fine to \$1,000 for a violation of this ordinance.

The BPD supports these changes as they will have maximum deterrent value under the Code. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this legislation.

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

