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The Hon. President and Members  
of the Baltimore City Council  
c/o Karen Randle  
Baltimore City Hall  
100 N. Holliday Street, Rm 400  
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

**RE: CB 11-0765: Special Event Parking**

Dear President Young and Member of Council:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Council Bill 11-0765.

The designated "Special Event Parking District" contained in Council Bill 11-0765 only includes a small portion of the Downtown Management Authority, the business improvement district for which Downtown Partnership of Baltimore is responsible. However, as the Partnership is concerned with the larger Downtown community, I appreciate the opportunity to comment, and wish to lend Downtown Partnership's support to Council Bill 11-0765.

The proposed legislation will create a mechanism by which property owners in the designated Special Event Parking Zone may operate a parking facility on certain occasions. Downtown Partnership believes this measure will be beneficial in two key ways: by increasing parking options for special event attendees; and by serving as an equalizer for licensed, year-round parking operators who have previously had to compete with unregulated facilities.

For these reasons, Downtown Partnership of Baltimore supports Council Bill 11-0765.

Sincerely,

Kirby Fowler  
President