

Testimony in Support of Bill 21-0032R

As a resident of Pigtown, I would like to voice my support for Council Bill 21-0032R, which is designed to incentivize small haulers to properly dispose of waste materials. Due to the barriers or inconveniences that exist today, Pigtown and other areas of the City experience illegal dumping at the hands of small haulers. Frequently, one can find bulk items and construction debris dumped on vacant lots, within Carroll Park, and in alleys. I have even seen this items dumped along the Gwynns Falls Trail, far from any City street or road; a clear attempt to obfuscate the illegal dumping taking place.

While Bill 21-0032R may need to undergo some refinement and the City must identify funding sources, I unequivocally support the intent and sentiment of the bill. Providing an incentive to small haulers to dispose of waste properly should greatly increase the number of haulers properly disposing of waste, while increasing the quality of life for some of Baltimore's most under-served and under-privileged communities which are the focal point for illegal dumping. I urge City Council to support and pass this bill, in order to make our already beautiful city even more so for all residents.

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NOTE: Although I am Vice President of Citizens of Pigtown, I am giving this testimony fully in a personal capacity, and not on behalf of the organization.