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Hon. Stephanie Rawlings Blake
President of the City Council
Baltimore City Hall
100 N. Holliday Street, Suite 400
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

RE: CB 08-0033R (Resolution concerning Investigative Hearing – Hospitality Industry – Employment of the Homeless and Ex-Offenders)

Dear Council President Blake:

The Downtown Partnership of Baltimore, Inc., supports any City Council action that could lead to additional job opportunities for the homeless and ex-offenders, and believes that CB 08-0033R is a step in the right direction.

As you may know, Downtown Partnership is a leading provider of homeless support services and is a workforce development organization that employs 22 formerly homeless individuals. For more than a decade, we have been committed to hiring employees referred from Catholic Charities, Goodwill Industries, the South Baltimore Homeless Shelter, and other programs. We would be happy to share our experiences for the benefit of the Council.

Thank you for your consideration, and do not hesitate to call me should you require any further information on The Partnership's position in this matter.

Sincerely,

Kirby Fowler
President

Cc: Hon. Sheila Dixon, Mayor
Ms. Angela Gibson

