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FREDERICK H. BEALEFELD, III
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, ^{JHG} Deputy Legal Counsel
Baltimore Police Department

RE: City Council Bill No. 08-249-Police Ordinances-National Anthem

The Baltimore Police Department (BPD) has reviewed City Council Bill No. 08-249-Police Ordinances-National Anthem which is introduced for the purpose repealing obsolete or unnecessary provisions of Article 19-Police Ordinances.

The BPD supports these changes as it is consistent with the First Amendment of the United States Constitution concerning freedom of speech as delineated in the Law Department's letter of December 17, 2008. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this legislation.

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

