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The Honorable President and Members
of the Baltimore City Council
Attn: Natawna B. Austin, Executive Secretary
Room 409, City Hall, 100 N. Holliday Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Re: City Council Bill 18-0238 – Baltimore City Parking Authority - Contracts

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 18-0238 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill modifies the contract-expenditure threshold that requires approval of a Parking Authority contract by the Board of Estimates.

The activities of the Parking Authority of Baltimore City (“PABC”), including matters related to the PABC’s authority to enter into contractual obligations, are established by local law to the extent the local law comports with the State enabling legislation. *See generally* MD Local Govt., Title 18, Subtitle 1 Parking Authorities Act. This bill merely modifies when the PABC must seek BOE approval before it enters into contracts that exceed a legislatively specified amount. As such, there are no legal impediments to the passage of the bill.

Sincerely,

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