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Hon. Bernard "Jack" Young
President, Baltimore City Council
100 N. Holliday Street, Suite 400
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

RE: City Council Bill 11-0002: Downtown Management District and Downtown Management Authority - FAVORABLE

Dear City Council President Young:

On behalf of the Downtown Management Authority (DMA) and its Board of Directors, Downtown Partnership of Baltimore respectfully supports CB 11-0002 and the renewal of the Downtown Management Authority (DMA) for an additional five years. Downtown Partnership operates the DMA and the supplemental services provided within the DMA district.

The Downtown Management Authority District and the Downtown Management Authority were created by Ordinance 57, approved on June 29, 1992. The Ordinance requires reauthorization every five years. The current reauthorization took effect on July 1, 2007, and will expire on June 30, 2012. Approval of CB 11-0002 would reauthorize the DMA beginning on July 1, 2012, through June 30, 2017.

Since the DMA District was created, private property owners within the DMA have continually supported its renewal and, in 2010, supported an increase in the property surcharge rate so that DMA services could be expanded.

The Board of Directors that oversees the Downtown Management Authority district is comprised of property owners and stakeholders within the District. It supports *CB 11-0002* and recognizes that, if reauthorized through passage of the bill, the DMA will continue its work in ways that are much needed for Downtown stakeholders and that complement the City's efforts.

If there are any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call me directly at 410-528-7712. Thank you very much for your assistance and your years of support.

Sincerely,

Kirby Fowler
President

