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The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council c/o Karen Randle Room 400 - City Hall

I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 09-0381 introduced by Council President Rawlings Blake on behalf of the Administration (Department of Public Works).

The purpose of the Bill is to authorize the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to sell, at either public or private sale, all its interest in a certain parcel of land known as the Quarantine Road Interchange/Truck Check Weigh Station (Ramp M) and no longer needed for public use.

Approximately 20 years ago, the State of Maryland purchased property from the W.R. Grace company for the development of a ramp connecting the I-695 Baltimore Beltway to Quarantine Road. A project recently let by the State of Maryland would construct a Quarantine Road Truck Weigh Station at this entrance Ramp "M". In preparing for the project, title reports revealed that the ramp was still under ownership of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, even though the State has maintained the land area for over 20 years. City Council Bill 09-0381, if approved, would authorize the sale of this parcel (Ramp M) to the State of Maryland, allowing for the development of the truck weigh station.

No utility or other interests would be affected by the proposed sale of these properties. Therefore, the Department of Public Works supports passage of City Council Bill 09-0381.

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