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	SUBJECT	City Council Bill 10-0524		

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**TO**

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 No. 10-0524.

**Campaign Signs in Residential Areas – Repeal of Maximum-Size Restriction**

**For the purpose of repealing the maximum-size restriction for campaign signs erected in residential areas.**

City Council Bill No. 10-0524 would repeal the maximum-size restriction for campaign signs in residential areas. Currently, no sign may exceed an area of 16 square feet.

A reasonable size regulation not only deters visual blight but serves to protect motorists. The placement of campaign signs in a manner that obstructs the visibility of traffic control devices or the sidewalk should be prohibited for public safety reasons. Oversized signs, especially those placed on corner lots at intersections that restrict the line of sight for drivers and pedestrians, contribute to the likelihood of motor vehicle accidents.

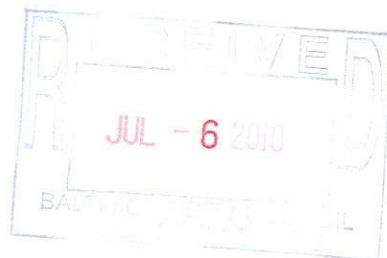
The current size regulation is in place to protect the safety of motorists, cyclists, and pedestrians. For the reasons above, the Department of Transportation cannot support a complete repeal of the maximum-size restriction for campaign signs posted in residential areas.

Respectfully,

  
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