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The Hon. Stephanie Rawlings Blake  
Baltimore City Council, Office of the President  
Baltimore City Hall  
100 N. Holliday Street, Suite 400  
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

**RE: CB 08-0092R (Informational Hearing – Lighting Quality and Wattage)**

Dear Council President Blake:

Downtown Partnership of Baltimore supports a hearing to discuss the number, placement, type, and wattage of street light fixtures in Baltimore. The subject of lighting touches on issues of public safety, quality of life, and energy efficiency. As Baltimore's infrastructure ages and growth patterns evolve, it is entirely appropriate to consider changes to the way street lighting is planned for and maintained.

Downtown Partnership of Baltimore works closely with the City on improving pedestrian lighting as it relates to new development, streetscape improvements, and other infrastructure upgrades. And we have had a very positive experience working in close coordination with the Department of Transportation Maintenance Division on a variety of lighting issues that arise Downtown. Accordingly, we have an acute understanding of the issues involved, and the potential benefits of a lighting discussion.

The daytime and residential populations of Downtown Baltimore both continue to increase as the city enjoys more 24-hour activity. With regard to Downtown Baltimore, it is now more important than ever to evaluate the current lighting plan and make appropriate changes to encourage continued population growth.

Thank you for your consideration. And do not hesitate to call me should you require any further information on The Partnership's position in this matter.

Sincerely,

Kirby Fowler  
President

Cc: The Honorable Sheila Dixon, Mayor  
Angela Gibson

