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	SUBJECT	City Council Bill 09-0336		

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

DATE: November 30, 2009

I am herein reporting on City Council Bill No. 09-0336.

**Parking Fines – Penalties for Non-payment**

**For the purpose of setting a limit on the amount of the penalty imposed for non-payment of a citation issued for certain parking, stopping, standing, and related offenses; and generally relating to fines, penalties, and procedures for certain offenses.**

The Department of Transportation has reviewed City Council Bill 09-0336. The bill would cap the penalty for persons who fail to pay parking citations to the lesser of five times the original fine or \$16 a month or portion of a month.

As noted in the report submitted by the Department of Finance, persons who obtain citations have many opportunities to legally challenge or pay parking citations. Not paying a fine is a choice. Scofflaws, who comprise only 5% of the pool of persons cited, make conscious decisions to disobey the law.

We understand the Council’s desire to ameliorate the financial burden of persons who accumulate significant fines but we believe that each of us has a personal responsibility to pay our debts. We defer to the Department of Finance.

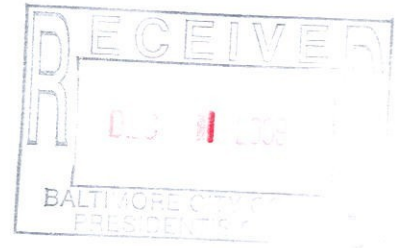
Respectfully,

  
ALFRED H. FOXX  
DIRECTOR

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Mr. William Driscoll

Mr. Jamie Kendrick  
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