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Police Commissioner

March 6, 2009

TO: The Honorable President and Members
of the Baltimore City Council
Room 400 City Hall
Attn. Karen Randle

FROM: James H. Green, Deputy Legal Counsel
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RE: City Council Bill No. 08-0163-Live Entertainment-Licensing and
Regulation, Hospitality Services-Promotion and Coordination

On March 4, 2009, at the City Council hearing on Council Bill No. 08-0163-Live Entertainment-Licensing and Regulation, Hospitality Services-Promotion and Coordination, Chairman James B. Kraft requested that each of the agencies that have requested amendments to the proposed legislation submit the amendment or concept to the Committees as this process moves forward to the community hearings beginning March 18, 2009.

As discussed at the hearing and in the report dated March 2, 2009, the Baltimore Police Department (BPD) requests that the proposed legislation take into account overall public safety concerns and that the committee consider provisions that would allow for an immediate closure of the business if the public safety so warrants. The procedure would necessitate a hearing upon the closure to determine if the license should be suspended or revoked. The BPD has spoken with Legislative Reference about the proposed amendments and the BPD will offer a draft of the amendment once completed.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this legislation.

cc: Frederick H. Bealefeld III, Police Commissioner, BPD
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