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	SUBJECT	City Council Bill 16-0643		

TO The Honorable President and
Members of the City Council
c/o Natawna Austin
Room 400 City Hall

May 16, 2016

I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 16-0643 Bond Issue – Recreation, Parks and Public Facilities Loan - \$45,000,000 for the purpose of authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to create a debt, and to issue and sell its certificates of indebtedness as evidence thereof, and proceeds not exceeding \$45,000,000 from the sale of such certificates of indebtedness to be used for the cost of issuance, including the expense of engraving, printing, advertising, attorneys' fees, and all other incidental expenses connected therewith; for the development of the buildings owned or controlled by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, Enoch Pratt Free Library, public park and recreational lane, property, buildings, structures or facilities.

The Department of Transportation (DOT) supports this bill. The last major wave of investment in Baltimore's public facilities was in the 1970s. Many of these facilities are physically decayed and now in need of major renovations or replacements. In addition, the best practices for providing various public service have changed dramatically during this time. This loan will be used to renovate/replace existing public facilities or build new facilities as needed. These facilities include municipal office buildings, courthouses, fire stations, multi-purpose centers, libraries, parks, recreation centers, aquatic facilities, and playgrounds.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

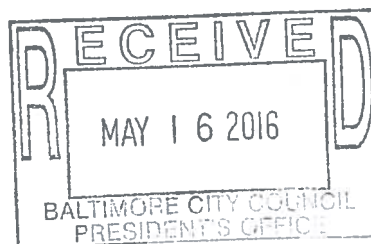
Respectfully,



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Cc: Angela Gibson, Mayor's Legislative Liaison



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