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FREDERICK H. BEALEFELD, III  
Police Commissioner

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

FROM: James H. Green, <sup>WR</sup> Deputy Legal Counsel  
Baltimore Police Department

RE: City Council Bill No. 08-0092R-Informational Hearing-Lighting Quality  
and Wattage

The Baltimore Police Department (BPD) has reviewed City Council Bill No. 08-0092R-Informational Hearing-Lighting Quality and Wattage which requests that the Department of Transportation report to the Council on the quality and wattage of street lighting; adequacy of current lighting placement to ensure the safety of residents, visitors, and workforce; and plans for revamping the City's infrastructure to meet future needs.

As the resolution details, "adequate public lighting increases citizens' perception of safety from crime". Proper lighting is essential to the overall public safety of the City. The Department of Transportation continues to be very responsive the BPD requests for lighting to impact public safety. These requests are often generated by the District Commanders in response to the district's enforcement issues, community concerns, Citizen on Patrol (COP) walks, and thorough Operation Protect. The BPD stands willing to assist in the City's collective efforts in this area. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this legislation.

cc: Frederick H. Bealefeld III, Police Commissioner, BPD  
Angela Gibson, Mayor's Legislative Liaison

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