



DOWNTOWN PARTNERSHIP OF BALTIMORE, INC.

217 North Charles Street · Suite 100 · Baltimore, MD 21201-4101
T 410.244.1030 · F 410.244.8670 · GoDowntownBaltimore.com

March 5, 2008

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 08-0018 (Maritime Industrial Overlay District – Extending “Sunset” – Owner Opt-Out)

Dear Council President Blake:

Downtown Partnership of Baltimore supports new provisions that would allow owners of property within the Maritime Industrial (Zoning) Overlay District to apply for removal from this District.

Baltimore’s dramatic recent growth in employment, residences, investment, and property value has come largely from the area around the waterfront. While the needs of the Port of Baltimore should remain a priority, there currently is industrial land along the waterfront that could be opened for development without compromising future Port growth.

The city’s economy has made the transition from industrial to entrepreneurial, and it is time our zoning policy recognizes this important shift.

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

