



MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable President and Members of the City Council
c/o Natawna Austin, Executive Secretary

From: Christine Griffin, Deputy Director of Policy and Government Relations

Date: November 14, 2023

Re: 23-0379 Facial Recognition Technology

Position: Defer

The Office of the Comptroller is responding to the request for a report on City Council bill 23-0379 Facial Recognition Technology, which is for the purpose of regulating the use of facial recognition technology; requiring possessors of data recovered from facial recognition technology to develop a certain policy regarding retention and destruction of data; establishing certain penalties; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the use of facial recognition technology.

The Office of the Comptroller supports the intent of City Council bill 23-0379 but defers to the Bureau of Procurement and the Baltimore City Police Department as the directly impacted agencies. A representative from the office will not be present at tomorrow's hearing.

CC:

Celeste Amato, Chief of Staff, Comptroller's Office

KC Kelleher, Director of Communications and Policy, Comptroller's Office