

BALTIMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT



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TO:

The Honorable President and Members

of the Baltimore City Council

Room 400 City Hall 100 N. Holliday Street **Attn. Karen Randle**

FROM:

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RE:

City Council Bill No. 08-00186-Scrap-Collectors, Scavengers, Processors,

and Others-Penalties

The Baltimore Police Department (BPD) supports the passage of City Council Bill No.08-00186-Scrap-Collectors, Scavengers, Processors, and Others-Penalties.

The proposed legislation will increase penalties for violations of the Article 2, Section 7 of the Consumer Protections Article. In light of the overriding goal of developing stronger regulations that are proposed in City Council Bill-08-0064, it is wholly consistent that the proposed increase in penalty will act as a strong deterrent to violation. The BPD is encouraged that the Council is willing to take the necessary steps to strengthen regulation in this industry.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this legislation.

cc:

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