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Honorable President Bernard Young
Members of the City Council
Baltimore City Council
100 N. Holliday Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

RE: **Council Bill # 10-0213R**
Investigative Hearing – Dirt Bikes on City Streets

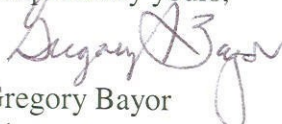
Dear President Young:

The Baltimore City Department of Recreation and Parks is providing its report for City Council Bill # 10-0213R which is for the purpose of requesting the Police Commissioner, the Director of Recreation and Parks, and the Director of Transportation to present to the City Council a comprehensive report on the impact of illegal dirt bikes on the welfare, safety, and enjoyment of Baltimore City's residential neighborhoods, parks, and transportation system; asking the Interim Health Commissioner to report on the impact to the health care system in terms of uncompensated care for injuries arising from incidents involving dirt bikes; and urging all parties to work with the Council to develop a comprehensive plan to address the persistent problem of illegal dirt bikes in Baltimore City.

The Department of Recreation and Parks (BCRP) is aware of the dangerous impact that the use of illegal motorbikes poses to the safety of Baltimore City. At risk, due to the reckless use of these vehicles, are the lives of the predominately youthful operators as well as other motorists and pedestrians. It is our responsibility to provide safe recreational opportunities to the youth of our City; therefore, as experienced professionals BCRP is open to the possibility of building Bicycle Motorcross (BMX) Tracks as a safe alternative.

The Department of Recreation and Parks looks forward to participating in the investigative hearing concerning illegal dirt bikes.

Respectfully yours,


Gregory Bayor
Director

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