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TO: The Honorable Stephanie Rawlings Blake
and Members of the Baltimore City Council
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FROM: Sheryl Goldstein, Director, Mayor's Office on Criminal Justice

DATE: May 13, 2008

RE: City Council Bill No. 08-0095

City Council Bill No.: 08-0095 – Illegal Dumping – Forfeiture of a Vehicle

The Mayor's Office on Criminal Justice supports this legislation that would authorize the seizure and forfeiture of vehicles used for the illegal disposal of waste. Illegal dumping is a serious problem threatening the safety and quality of life of many Baltimore residents.

Illegally dumped waste has the potential to obstruct police officers during regular driving or foot patrol. It can also become an obstacle during a pursuit. It can block alleys and walkway spaces that need to be clear in order for police to navigate them. We believe this bill has the potential to improve public safety and the cleanliness of our city.

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