



BALTIMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT



Brandon M. Scott
Mayor

Richard Worley
Police Commissioner

August 22, 2024

Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
Room 400, City Hall
100 N. Holliday Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

**RE: City Council Bill #24-0559: Francis Scott Key Bridge-
Actions & Remedies**

Dear Council President Mosby and Members of the City Council:

The Baltimore Police Department (BPD) has reviewed Council Bill 24-0559 Francis Scott Key Bridge- Actions and Remedies, for the purpose of exercising the City's authority granted under City Charter, Article II, §§ (10) {"Harbor, docks, and wharves"} and (47) {"General welfare"} to: (1) provide for the preservation of the navigation of the Patapsco River and its tributaries; (2) prevent injury to navigation or health; and (3) maintain the peace, good government, and health and welfare of the City of Baltimore, by establishing that in a cause of action arising out of the allision between a ship, the M/V Dali, and the Francis Scott Key Bridge on March 26, 2024, the City of Baltimore shall be entitled to recover for economic loss; providing the City Solicitor with the authority to establish certain rules and regulations to carry out the provisions of this Ordinance; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to the allision between a ship, the M/V Dali, and the Francis Scott Key Bridge on March 26, 2024.

The Baltimore Police Department offers a favorable report but ultimately defers to the legal opinion of the Baltimore City Law Department.

Sincerely,

Erin Murphy, Esq.
Director of Government Affairs

cc: Natwana Austin, Executive Secretary of the Baltimore City Council

Nina Themelis, Director of Mayor's Office of Government Relations
Andrew Smullian, BPD Deputy Chief of Staff

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