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Honorable President and Members
of the City Council of Baltimore
Room 409, City Hall
100 N. Holliday Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Attn: Karen Randle
Executive Secretary


Re: City Council Bill 11-0294R –Informational Hearing – Nuisance
Abatement Tools

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 11-0294R for form and legal sufficiency. This resolution requests representatives from the agencies involved with criminal nuisance abatement to appear before the Council to discuss best practices in criminal nuisance abatement, inform the Council about how various nuisance abatement strategies and tools work, and establish mechanisms to better coordinate the use of nuisance abatement tools Citywide.

A resolution of the City Council typically is used to express the opinions of the Council on matters of concern to the City or on policy matters that impact the City but are outside of the realm of the City Council's authority to act. McQuillin, Municipal Corporations, §§15.01 *et seq.* As such, City Council Bill 11-0294R is the appropriate manner in which to express the City Council's desire to hold a hearing on this topic. The Law Department, therefore, approves the bill for form and legal sufficiency.

Sincerely yours,


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