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The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council c/o Karen Randle Room 400 - City Hall

I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 10-0443 introduced by Council Member Cole.

The purpose of the Bill is to amend the Urban Renewal Plan for Penn-North Transit Station to allow the unenclosed display of certain merchandise on a certain land use classification in the Penn-North Transit Station Urban Renewal Area, subject to certain conditions; waive certain content and procedural requirements; make the provisions of this Ordinance severable; and provide for the application of this Ordinance in conjunction with certain other ordinances.

Ordinance 78-817 established the Urban Renewal Plan for Penn-North Transit Station and was last amended by Ordinance 85-316. The Penn-North Transit Station Urban Renewal Area is generally bounded by Madison Street, Druid Hill Avenue, Hendler Lane, McCulloh Street, and Stoddard Street on the north and east; North Fulton Avenue on the west; and West North Avenue, Woodyear Street, Westwood Avenue, West Carey Street, Cumberland Street, and North Stockton Street on the south.

City Council Bill 10-0443, if approved, would allow for the unenclosed display of merchandise on both sides of the 2400 and 2500 blocks of Pennsylvania Avenue. These displays would be limited to between the hours of 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. The proposed amendment recognizes the need for a Minor Privilege permit to display the merchandise and to preserve at least 6 feet of clear sidewalk width. The Planning Commission, in their review of this legislation, recommends replacing the amended language that specifies the blocks for display of unenclosed merchandise with new identification language stated as "in the area designated Community Business on the Land Use Map."

Based on these findings, the Department of Public Works supports passage of City Council Bill 10-0443 as proposed to be amended by the Planning Commission.

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