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The Honorable President and Members  
of the Baltimore City Council  
Attn: Natawna B. Austin, Executive Secretary  
Room 409, City Hall, 100 N. Holliday Street  
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Re: City Council Bill 21-0056R – Informational Hearing - From Front Door to  
Schoolhouse Door

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 21-0056R for form and legal sufficiency. The resolution is for the purpose of inviting representatives from the Department of Transportation, Department of Health, Baltimore City Public Schools, Mayor's Office of Children and Family Success and Office of Equity and Civil Rights to discuss our children's commute to school.

In general, a City Council resolution is "an expression of opinion or mind concerning some particular item of business coming within the legislative body's official cognizance." *Inlet Assocs. v. Assateague House Condominium Assoc.*, 545 A.2d 1296, 1303 (Md. 1988) (quoting *McQuillin Mun. Corp.* § 15:2 (3rd Ed.)). Council Bill 21-0056R is an appropriate resolution to discuss our children's commute to school.

Accordingly, the Law Department is prepared to approve Council Bill 21-0056R for form and legal sufficiency.

Sincerely,

*Victor K. Tervala*

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