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The Honorable President and
Members of the City Council
City Hall, Room 400
100 N. Holiday Street
Baltimore, MD 21202

RE: City Council Bill 13-0213 -- Excise Tax on Passenger-for-Hire Services

Dear President Young and Members of the Council:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on City Council Bill 13-0213.

CB 13-0213 imposes a \$0.25 per trip tax on passenger-for-hire services. As Baltimore City generally ranks below other major metropolitan cities in terms of fare levels, Downtown Partnership does not foresee any major adverse effect either on the passenger-for-hire operators, or on ridership. The tax will create a new revenue stream for Baltimore City, and is a key part of the Ten Year Plan.

For these reasons, Downtown Partnership of Baltimore supports an excise tax on passenger-for-hire, and supports Council Bill 13-0213.

Sincerely,

Kirby Fowler
President

