



POSITION STATEMENT

**TESTIMONY PRESENTED TO THE
BALTIMORE CITY COUNCIL
JUDICIARY AND LEGISLATIVE INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE**

**CITY COUNCIL BILL 09-0345- PUBLIC SAFETY CONSERVATION AREAS -
RECONSTITUTION**

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GREATER BALTIMORE COMMITTEE**

Position: Support

The Greater Baltimore Committee, the leading business organization in the central Maryland region with more than 500 member companies, large and small, in Baltimore City and Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Harford and Howard counties supports City Council Bill 09-0345- Public Safety Conservation Areas – Reconstitution.

City Council Bill 09-0345 gives priority attention for public upgrades to neighborhoods that organize themselves to improve their own private lighting and trimming of greenery through the revived Public Safety Conservation Area Program. Participation in the program is available to all areas of the City in order to promote crime-free environments. In addition Council Bill 09-0345 merges the Public Safety Conservation Area Advisory Board with the Baltimore Urban Lighting Board into a new, reconstituted board comprised of 18 members- one of which must be a member of the Greater Baltimore Committee.

The Greater Baltimore Committee recognizes the importance of residents, businesses, and government gathering on one accord to ensure the safety of our City beyond the Baltimore City Police Department. The responsibility to protect the public safety and welfare of those who choose to live and work within the borders of the City of Neighborhoods does not lie solely with one group. The GBC has no objection to Council Bill 09-0345 and requests the opportunity to make a recommendation as to which member of The Greater Baltimore Committee is selected to serve on the Baltimore Urban Lighting Board.

For the reasons stated above, the Greater Baltimore Committee respectfully requests a favorable report on City Council Bill 09-0345.

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