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Date: January 16, 2008

TO

The Honorable President and Members of the City Council City Hall, Room 400 100 N. Holliday Street

Attention: Ms. Karen Randle

City Council Bill # 08-0232 was introduced for the purpose of prohibiting the creation or retention of certain records that contain certain charge card information; defining certain terms; imposing certain penalties; and generally relating to the protection of charge card information.

The intent of the legislation is to prohibit merchants from creating or retaining any receipt or record of payment that contains more than the last four digits of a credit/debit card account number, and/or the card's security code number, if any.

This legislation would impact all merchants engaged in this City in the business of selling goods, services, realty or credit. The legislation may result in increased administrative costs for merchants to comply with the legislation.

This legislation has no impact upon the City government's financial/accounting operations. Further, this legislation does not apply to the City government's financial/accounting operations.

The Department of Finance has no objection to the passage of this bill, since the legislation does not impact the City government's financial/accounting operations.

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