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Police Commissioner

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TO: The Honorable President and Members  
of the Baltimore City Council  
Room 400 City Hall  
**Attn. Karen Randle**

FROM: James H. Green, <sup>JHG</sup> Deputy Legal Counsel  
Baltimore Police Department

RE: City Council Bill No. 08-0257-Vandalism-Street Lights and other Utility  
Structures

The Baltimore Police Department (BPD) has reviewed City Council Bill No. 08-0257-Vandalism-Street Lights and other Utility Structures which provides increased penalties for damaging or injuring street lighting or other public utility structures.

The bill proposes to adjust the penalty section of the current law to include incarceration for up to twelve (12) months and increase the applicable fine to \$1,000 for damaging public structures. The BPD supports these changes as they will have maximum deterrent value under the Code. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this legislation.

cc: Frederick H. Bealefeld III, Police Commissioner, BPD  
Angela Gibson, Mayor's Legislative Liaison

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