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Via email

August 23, 2022

Baltimore City Council Rules and Legislative Oversight Committee
Attention: Councilman Schleifer, Committee Chairperson
Isaac.Schleifer@baltimorecity.gov

Re: Locust Point Civic Association Support of Baltimore City Council Bill
No. 22-0252 (Commercial Vehicle Monitoring System)

Dear Councilman Schleifer:

The Locust Point Civic Association (LPCA) discussed concerns related to truck traffic in the neighborhood at its August general membership meeting on August 10, 2022. The membership voted during the meeting to support the Baltimore City Council Bill regarding the Commercial Vehicle Monitoring System (Bill No. 22-0252) to increase the cap on the number of truck cameras permitted in the city.

Given the proximity of the Locust Point neighborhood to the port and I-95, there is a significant amount of truck traffic in the neighborhood. The trucks are using roads that were not intended for truck traffic and damaging such roads and the surrounding property by doing so. For example, trucks use Whetstone Way to access Fort Avenue notwithstanding that Whetstone Way is not intended for truck use. In turning onto Fort Avenue, the trucks have knocked down lamp posts and damaged other neighborhood and city property.

In addition, trucks travel down Fort Avenue at speeds which exceed the limit in order to avoid the red lights at Fort Avenue and Hull Street and at Fort Avenue and Decatur Street. The speed causes the houses on Fort Avenue to shake as the trucks drive by, and it is causing damage to the homes.

For these reasons, the LPCA supports the legislation to increase the cap on the number of commercial vehicle cameras. In addition, the LPCA requests that two intersections in Locust Point be marked as a priority for future camera installation: (1) Fort Avenue at Hull Street, and (2) Fort Avenue at Whetstone Way.

We are hopeful that these changes will calm the traffic in the neighborhood and help to preserve the property by mitigating the damage caused by trucks.

If you have questions or would like to discuss further, please do not hesitate to contact the LPCA at contacts@mylocustpoint.org. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Kate McComiskey

Cc (via email): City Council President Mosby (CouncilPresident@baltimorecity.gov), Councilman Costello (eric.costello@baltimorecity.gov), Councilwoman McCray (Danielle.McCray@baltimorecity.gov), Liam Davis (LiamF.Davis@baltimorecity.gov)