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Honorable President Members of the City Council c/o Natawna Austin, Executive Secretary 409 City Hall Baltimore, MD 21202

RE: Council Bill 22-0143R – Informational Hearing – Illegal Disposal of Used Tires

Dear President and Council Members:

The Law Department reviewed City Council Bill 22-0143R. The bill requests the Director of Public Works and the Director of Housing and Community Development's Code Enforcement Division to appear before the City Council to discuss the illegal disposal of used tires in the City, associated problems, and proposed solutions.

In general, Art. III, §9 of the City Charter and City Code Art. 1, §1-4 give the City Council authority to study or investigate the operation of City agencies and to make recommendations for the more effective operation of the agencies. Article III, §9 of the Charter requires department heads, municipal officers not embraced in a department, and members of commissions and boards to appear before the City Council if so requested to participate in the discussion of matters relating to their respective departments, offices, commissions, or boards.

Council Bill 22-0143R is an appropriate resolution to initiate the informational hearing and request the specified officials to attend to discuss issues regarding the illegal disposal of used tires in the City. The Law Department approves Council Bill 22-0143R for form and legal sufficiency.

Sincerely yours,

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