

TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Cc: Chair, Councilman Mark Conway

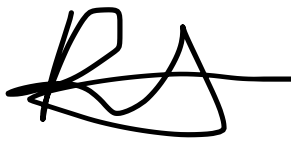
Position: In Support of B-360

As Executive Director of Community Law In Action (CLIA), I am writing in support of B-360, their mission, values and goals to reshape Baltimore City. At CLIA, we believe youth and young people are leaders and should have access to either facilitate and/or serve as equitable stakeholders in amplifying their priorities as it relates to policy and opportunities that directly impact their lives. In our aim and mission, we consider B-360 a partner in helping to foster positive impact across Baltimore and communities.

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We urge you to consider their presentation and testimony of their work in favor of confiscated dirt bikes that can be utilized for programming within the organization, support of their campus plan which is already federally funded, and their vision for transitioning nonviolent offenders into economic growth and opportunities.

In True Solidarity,



Rashad Staton,
Executive Director, Community Law In Action (CLIA)





THE ANNIE E. CASEY FOUNDATION

April 9, 2024

Baltimore City Council Public Safety Committee
Mark Conway, Chair

Dear Councilman Conway,

The Annie E. Casey Foundation's Juvenile Justice Strategy Group supports B360 to create sustainable partnerships needed to advance the organization's work utilizing dirt bike culture to end the cycle of poverty, stop practices that draw children unnecessarily into detention and incarceration, and build bridges in communities. Through education, community engagement, career preparation, and events, B360 equips youth and young adults with the skills to secure educational and career opportunities, while changing the perception of dirt bike riders.

The purpose of our partnership is to build B360's capacity to divert youth and young adults from justice system involvement and elevate their approach to increase support for community-led diversion initiatives.

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To:

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Greetings!

As Chief Executive Officer of Baltimore Corps, I, Caryn York, am writing in support of B-360. Their mission, values, and goals are to reshape Baltimore City. At Baltimore Corps we believe people created our greatest challenges and those challenges can and will be solved by people by elevating the most promising solutions and by retaining the leaders behind them, we can make this city a stronger, healthier Baltimore. We consider B-360 a partner in making an impact.

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Regards,

Caryn York

CEO

April 2, 2024

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As the Co-Founder and President of The Ryan Institute, LLC, former Baltimore City Public Schools educator, parent, and service provider I am writing in vehemently express our support of B-360, their mission, values and goals to reshape Baltimore City. The Ryan Institute, LLC's mission is to help individuals achieve their educational and career goals. We are a leading provider of lifelong education, offering the best academic mentors across all content areas. We prepare scholars for global competition through character education, athletics, and the arts in order to stabilize communities and consider B-360 a partner in making an impact in Baltimore City and beyond.

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We strongly urge you to consider their presentation and testimony of their work in favor of confiscated dirt bikes that can be utilized for programming within the organization, support of their campus plan which is already federally funded, and their vision for transitioning nonviolent offenders into economic growth and opportunities. By allowing B360 to recycle parts and upcycle confiscated dirt bikes your committee will be assisting B360 in reducing overhead expenses for programming materials and equipment. If the overhead is reduced, B360 could reallocate funds that could assist with continuing and/expanding the academic support for youth instructors we currently provide. Thank you for your careful consideration of this matter.

Educationally Yours,

Antoinica L. Ryan

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The Ryan Institute, LLC

Co-Founder & President



April 9, 2024

Dear Public Safety and Government Operations Committee:

The CAFE Group proudly supports the work of B-360 through The 1954 Project philanthropic initiative. In recognition of her leadership, hard work and dedication to the youth of Baltimore through B-360, Brittany was selected as a 1954 Project Luminary. We are inspired by the work B-360 does, utilizing dirt bike culture to end the cycle of poverty, disrupt the prison pipeline, and provide community relevant STEM education to Baltimore youth and young adults.

B-360 has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to equip the community's young people with the skills needed to secure educational and career opportunities, while co-creating public safety in the city. Through their innovative programs, steadfast advocacy, and dedicated service, B-360 has made significant strides in STEM education, career exploration, and community culture.

Recognizing the impact of B-360's work, we understand their desire to retrieve impounded dirt bikes and parts. We believe gaining access will allow B-360 to advance their work, creating opportunities to grow their program while keeping programming costs low.

We trust that B-360 will continue to have a profound effect on the young people of Baltimore and look forward to witnessing their growth in the years ahead.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Elizabeth Thompson".

Elizabeth Thompson

CEO, The CAFE Group

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As Cathy Jerome and Blaire Houston of the Washington Wizards am writing in support of B-360, their mission, values, and goals to reshape Baltimore City. At the Washington Wizards organization, we believe in creating happiness for fans, fostering community connections, and maintaining excellence both on and off the court. We continue to gain partnerships with organizations with similar values that include empowering and uplifting the community through education, music, health, and cultural awareness and consider B-360 a partner in making an impact.

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April 03, 2024

To whom this may concern.

I am writing to you on behalf of B360, a non-profit organization dedicated to harnessing the unrecognized potential of youth in Baltimore through STEM education and the unique dirt bike culture prevalent in our city. The organization firmly believes in empowering young individuals by providing them with opportunities to learn, grow, and thrive in safe and supportive environments.

As you may be aware, B360 incorporates elements of dirt bike riding and maintenance into their programming as a means of engaging participants and teaching valuable life skills. Through their initiatives, participants not only learn how to safely ride and repair dirt bikes but also gain valuable knowledge in STEM subjects, fostering their personal and academic development.

However, they have encountered challenges in accessing resources essential to their programming, particularly confiscated dirt bikes held by the City of Baltimore. We believe that these confiscated bikes could serve a meaningful purpose in our efforts to educate and empower youth, offering them a positive outlet for recreation and learning.

We respectfully request that B360 be granted permission to retrieve confiscated dirt bikes from Baltimore City for use in their programming. By repurposing these bikes, they can provide participants with hands-on learning experiences and foster a deeper sense of connection to our community.

B360 is committed to working collaboratively with city officials to ensure that their programming aligns with the city's goals and regulations. Additionally, they are open to



discussing any necessary guidelines or procedures to facilitate the retrieval and use of confiscated dirt bikes by B360.

Thank you for considering my request. We believe that by working together, we can make a positive impact on the lives of youth in Baltimore and empower them to reach their full potential.

Sincerely,

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