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The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council c/o Karen Randle Room 400 - City Hall

I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 12-0060 introduced by the Council President on behalf of the Administration (Department of General Services).

The purpose of the Bill is to authorize the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to sell, at either public or private sale, all its interest in a certain parcel of land known as the former bed of Toone Street, extending from Ponca Street easterly to the right-of-way line of Interstate Route No. 895 (Baltimore Harbor Tunnel), and no longer needed for public use.

City Council Bill 12-0060, if approved, would allow for the sale of a portion of Toone Street, located perpendicular to and between Ponca Street and the right-of-way line of I-895. The area of right-of-way to be closed to public use and sold measures approximately 70 feet wide by 180.4 feet long and is not a through street. Companion legislation would open and close this portion of right-of-way to public use (City Council Bills 12-0058 and 12-0059, respectively). The adjacent property owner at 1301 Ponca Street leases the area and would like to purchase the right-of-way and continue utilizing it in conjunction with their property. Any utilities located in the former right-of-way that are not to be relocated or abandoned are protected under Section 1 (beginning on line 6, page 2) of the legislation.

The Department of General Services supports passage of City Council Bill 12-0060 provided the opening and closing ordinances are approved.

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