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The Honorable President and
Members of the City Council
City Hall, Room 400
100 N. Holiday Street
Baltimore, MD 21202

RE: CB 13-0210 – Zoning – 301 E. Lombard Street (AKA 300 E. Pratt Street)

Dear President Young and Members of the Council:

On behalf of the Downtown Partnership of Baltimore, I am writing in support of Council Bill 13-0210.

CB 13-0210 will allow legal operation of the parking use at 301 E. Lombard Street, and require certain upgrades to that lot. As a key parcel along Pratt Street, Downtown Partnership is eager to see landscaping improvements to this lot. I believe that the terms of this legislation are also fair and balanced, in that the parking use will be permitted for sufficient time to allow for the formation of a development plan without incentivizing the continuation of parking on this prime real estate.

The Downtown Partnership has also worked with the Planning Department on the specific site improvements required via the Site Plan Review Committee (SPRC) process which will be attached as an addendum to CB 13-0210. Downtown Partnership has reviewed two sets of plans, and feels that both plans significantly enhance the existing lot and adhere to the landscaping principles set forth by the Planning Department and Downtown Partnership. These improvements will make a marked difference to the aesthetics and experience in and around this lot.

Once again, Downtown Partnership strongly supports CB 13-0210 and urges the Council to pass this bill.

Sincerely,

Kirby Fowler
President

CC: T. Courtenay Jenkins, III, Cushman and Wakefield of Maryland, Inc.
Hon. William H. Cole, IV, Baltimore City Council
Tom Stosur, Department of Planning

