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The Honorable President and Members of The Baltimore City Council City Hall, Room 409 100 N. Holliday Street Baltimore, MD 21202

Attn: Karen Randle, Executive Secretary

Re: City Council Bill 13-0262- Special Traffic Enforcement Officers- Citywide

Jurisdiction

Dear President and City Council Members:

Thank you for inviting comment from the Downtown Partnership of Baltimore, Inc., on City Council Bill 13-0262. The Partnership has no objection to the proposed legislation, as it empowers additional City agencies to appoint employees as Special Traffic Enforcement Officers ("STEO's"), who will be able to perform a service that is often necessary for the smooth operation of our City streets. We do have concerns that the legislation might draw STEO's from the heavily trafficked Downtown area, which handles the most vehicles in the City. To that end, we will continue to work closely with our City partners to ensure STEO's continue to manage our busy Downtown streets.

Sincerely.

Kirby Fowler

President, Downtown Partnership of Baltimore

CC:

Angela Gibson

The Hon. William Cole