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Honorable President Bernard Young Members of the City Council **Baltimore City Council** 100 N. Holliday Street Baltimore, Maryland 21202

> RE: Council Bill # 15-0258R - Moving Dirt Bike Use Out of Neighborhoods and Into Dirt Bike Parks

Dear President Young:

City Council Bill # 15-0258R is for the purpose of calling on representatives from the Police Department, the Department of Recreation and Parks, the Department of Finance, the Law Department, the dirt bike riding community, and neighborhoods impacted by dirt bike riding to join with the City Council in a series of work sessions to create a viable plan for addressing the inappropriate operation of dirt bikes in Baltimore's neighborhoods by creating a world class dirt bike park in Baltimore.

The Department of Recreation and Parks has reviewed this piece of proposed legislation and welcomes the opportunity to participate in work sessions that could possibly result in a viable solution to dirt bike operation within Baltimore City communities.

As a program oriented agency, BCRP appreciates the intent of this piece of legislation; however, the legal complexities related to its enactment cause us to defer to the expertise of the Law Department and Baltimore City Police Department.

Therefore, the Department of Recreation and Parks agrees with City Council Bill #15-0258R in concept.

Respectfully yours,

Ernest W. Burkeen, Jr.

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Cc: Angela Gibson, Liaison to City Council



