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	SUBJECT	City Council Resolution 18-0074R		

TO The Honorable President and
Members of the City Council
c/o Natawna Austin
Room 400 City Hall

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I am herein reporting on City Council Resolution 18-0074R Informational Hearing – Impact of Net Neutrality Repeal on City Operations for the purpose of calling on representatives from the Mayor’s Office of Information Technology, the Department of Finance, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, Baltimore City Public Schools, and the Municipal Telephone Exchange to appear before the City Council to discuss the potential impact of net neutrality repeal on their technology plans and the City’s costs, as well as what steps can be taken to mitigate the risks posed by net neutrality repeal.

The Baltimore City Office of Information and Technology (BCIT) has recently released the City’s first ever Inclusive Digital Transformation Strategic Plan, which includes a section specific to fiber communications. In support of this plan, BCIT in collaboration with the Department of Transportation is currently engaged in the development of a detailed fiber communications strategy.

Provision of Wi-Fi and other broadband services to the citizens of Baltimore is a primary focus for the City, particularly to impoverished areas that have not benefited from technology advances that can open doors to employment opportunities, provide easy access to City services, and improve overall quality of life.

BCIT will work with its consultant developing the fiber communications strategy to determine what the potential long-term impact of the net neutrality repeal may be on the City. The strategy will also examine the possibility of a municipal broadband system which if implemented would honor network neutrality and privacy principles.

Respectfully,



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Cc: Kyron Banks, Mayor’s Office