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# BALTIMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT



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Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council  
Room 400, City Hall  
100 N. Holliday Street  
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

*Attention: Nataavna Austin, Executive Secretary*

Re: **City Council Bill No. 18-0275**  
**Unidentified Vehicles – Immediate Towing**

Dear Council President Young and Members of the City Council:

The Baltimore Police Department (BPD) has reviewed Council Bill 18-0275. This legislation is for the purpose of prohibiting the parking of unidentifiable vehicles on City streets; authorizing the immediate removal of unidentifiable vehicles parked on City streets; setting a certain penalty; and generally relating to unidentifiable vehicles. The BPD supports this bill.

Unidentifiable vehicles in Baltimore City invariably result in the police being called. Not only are they a nuisance for communities, they are a serious public safety threat because of their nexus to crime. For example, unidentifiable vehicles are prevalent near chop shops, but current City law does not allow for swift action to be taken to deter the abandoning of them. Due to the fact that vehicles are often stolen for their parts, the ability to take immediate action and remove them from city streets should cause a reduction in stolen autos.

The BPD looks forward to working with the City Council on this important matter.

Sincerely,

James A. Sillescu  
Chief of Staff