



DATE: March 4, 2019

TO: Honorable President and Members of the City Council
FROM: Baltimore City Recreation & Parks
POSITION: Support with Amendments
RE: City Council Bill 19-0337 Youth Athletic Protection

I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 19-0337.

Baltimore City Recreation and Parks is committed to serving young athletes in Baltimore City by offering programming that promotes the individual, good sportsmanship and a fun and competitive environment. As part of that directive we are committed to providing certain protections and certifications to ensure that our programs, and in turn the athletes participating in them, are safe and secure.

Safety and well-being are paramount and BCRP administration has procedures in place to ensure the protection of our young participants. Volunteers are screened and subject to background checks before they can work with children. The National Alliance for Youth Sports (NAYS) training is compulsory for our coaches and includes identification of potential abuse situations, concussion training, bullying, and sports injuries.

While we are supportive of this legislation, BCRP would like to further the conversation to ensure the bill's requirements are within the law and financially within the capability of the agency. With continued conversation and amendments, Baltimore City Recreation & Parks supports the City Council Bill 19-0337 which provides Youth Athletic Protection.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Jenny Morgan at jenny.morgan@baltimorecity.gov or at 410-396-7900.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Reginald R. Moore".

Reginald R. Moore

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