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The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council Attn: Executive Secretary Room 409, City Hall 100 N. Holliday Street Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Re: City Council Bill 19-0324 - Dockless Vehicles - Regulation and Taxation

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 19-0324 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill establishes the Dockless Vehicle Program and requires permits for dockless-vehicle-for-hire providers, imposes data sharing requirements upon dockless-vehicle-for-hire providers and provides for the revocation of dockless-vehicle-for-hire provider permits. The bill establishes standards of operation, imposes penalties for violations and allows for the seizure of a dockless vehicle under certain circumstances. An excise tax is imposed on dockless-vehicle-for-hire. The bill provides for a special effective date.

The Law Department assisted the Department of Transportation in the creation of this program. Given that fact, we see no legal impediment to the creation of this program or to approving the provisions contained in CB 19-0324. Therefore the Law Department is prepared to approve the bill for form and legal sufficiency.

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