

BALTIMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT



Brandon M. Scott Mayor Michael S. Harrison Police Commissioner

February 9, 2021

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

RE: City Council Bill #21-0003

Baltimore City Workgroup on Nuisance Parking and Auto Businesses

Dear Council President Mosby and Members of the City Council:

The Baltimore Police Department (BPD) has reviewed Council Bill 21-0003 which is for the purpose of establishing the Baltimore City Workgroup on Nuisance Parking and Auto Businesses in consultation with the Department of Housing and Community Development to provide the composition, chair, and staffing of the Workgroup, to study certain matters related to the illegal storage of motor vehicles in public rights-of-way by motor vehicle repair establishments and motor vehicle dealerships and make certain recommendations.

Although we defer to the law department as to whether or not this bill could legally apply to the Baltimore Police Department, we support the goals of City Council Bill 21-0003 and commit to participating in the Workgroup on Nuisance Parking and Auto Businesses to help develop an impactful and sustainable method of addressing the misuse of public spaces by private auto businesses.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wirzberger, Esq.

Director of Government Affairs

cc: Natwana Austin, Executive Secretary of the Baltimore City Council

Natasha Mehu, Director of Mayor's Office of Government Relations

Nina Themelis, Special Assistant and Legislative Liaison, MOGR

Brittany Lewis, Chief of Government Affairs, Office of the Council President

Eric Melancon, BPD Chief of Staff

Andrew Smullian, BPD Deputy Chief of Staff

c/o 242 West 29th Street • Baltimore, Maryland 21211-2908