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	SUBJECT	City Council Bill 21-0001 – Surveillance Technology in Baltimore		

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

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The Baltimore City Office of Information & Technology (BCIT) has reviewed Council Bill 21-0001. The purpose of this bill is to prohibit Baltimore City government from purchasing or obtaining certain face surveillance technology; to prohibit Baltimore City government from contracting or subcontracting with another for the purpose of face surveillance technology; and to prohibit any person in Baltimore City from obtaining, retaining, accessing, or using certain face surveillance technology or any information obtained from certain face surveillance technology.

This bill would require that the Director of the Baltimore City Office of Information & Technology or any successor entity, in consultation with the Department of Finance, submit a report to the Mayor and City Council detailing:

1. Each purchase of surveillance technology during the prior fiscal year, disaggregated by the purchasing agency;
2. An explanation of the use of the surveillance technology;

This bill would also require that the Baltimore City Office of Information & Technology post the reports required in the above section prominently on its website.

BCIT has reviewed this legislation and as no objection to this bill. BCIT would coordinate with the agencies to collect the requested information for the aforementioned report and post it on the website.

If you have any questions, please contact Leyla Layman, Chief of Staff, at (443) 202-4511.

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