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HB 529

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TO: Members of the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee

FROM: Nina Themelis, Interim Director of Mayor's Office of Government Relations

RE: House Bill 259 - Gaming - Video Lottery Terminals - Local Impact Grants - Baltimore City

POSITION: SUPPORT

Chair Guzzone, Vice Chair Rosapepe, and Members of the Committee, please be advised that the Baltimore City Administration (BCA) **supports** House Bill (HB) 529.

HB 529 would alter the distribution of funds from local impact grants to the City of Baltimore. Under current law, the BCA already allocates more than 75% of these funds "in a manner that is consistent with the Park Heights Master Plan." Additionally, we are supportive of the language change that codifies the increased funding to 85% - a standard that we have practiced since 2018.

The BCA appreciates Delegate Rosenberg's partnership and collaboration for the betterment of the Park Heights community.

For the above reasons, the BCA requests a **favorable** report on HB 529.