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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.

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Testimony of Delegate Samuel I. Rosenberg

Before the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee

in Support of

House Bill 529

Gaming - Video Lottery Terminals - Local Impact Grants - Baltimore City

Mister Chairman and Members of the Committee:

House Bill 529 would update the distribution of slots revenue directed to the neighborhoods around the Pimlico Race Track in the form of local impact aid.

As originally enacted, the 2007 law that first directed monies to the area around Pimlico specified that "at least 75% [of these funds are to be distributed] in a manner that is consistent with the Park Heights Master Plan."

In 2018, however, to focus spending on the neighborhoods with the highest need and where the impact would be the greatest, then Mayor Catherine Pugh increased the share of funding allocated to the Park Heights Master Plan to 85%, with the remaining 15% to be allocated to the diverse communities surrounding the Park Heights area. In the years since then, that standard has remained the benchmark. This bill would make it permanent.

The neighborhoods outside the boundaries of the Master Plan that receive this assistance include West Arlington, Garwyn Oaks, Howard Park, Glen, Fallstaff, Cross Country, Cheswolde, Mount Washington, and Cold Spring.

I urge the committee to give HB 529 a favorable report.

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