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SB1095

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TO: Members of the House Judiciary Committee
FROM: Nina Themelis, Director of Mayor's Office of Government Relations
RE: Senate Bill 1095 – Workgroup on Home Detention Monitoring

POSITION: SUPPORT

Chair Clippinger, Vice Chair Bartlett, and members of the Committee, please be advised that the Baltimore City Administration (BCA) supports Senate Bill (SB) 1095.

SB1095 would establish a work group to study various components of private home detention monitoring. SB1095 as amended in the Senate had added scope to the areas of study for the work group which were previously included within Senate Bill 468 which had two separate portions of the bill – one creating stricter provisions for the reporting and notification requirements for private home detention monitoring agencies and the other to reconstitute a work group previously established by the Maryland General Assembly.

SB1095 and SB468 complement one another and will meaningfully impact the private home monitoring process. By making immediate changes to the notification requirements for these companies through SB468 while simultaneously establishing a work group to determine long term needed changes established in SB 1095, the Maryland General Assembly has an opportunity to meaningfully reform home detention monitored by private companies.

For the above reasons, the BCA respectfully requests a **favorable** report on SB 1095.