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HB1125

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TO: Members of the House Judiciary Committee

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

RE: House Bill 1125 - Workgroup on Home Detention Monitoring - Report Alterations and Data Collection

POSITION: POSITION

Chair Clippinger, Vice Chair Bartlett, and Members of the Committee, please be advised that the Baltimore City Administration (BCA) **supports** House Bill (HB) 1125.

HB 1125 expands the elements that the Workgroup on Home Detention Monitoring is required to study and provide recommendations for. These additional elements include a required annual report to be provided to the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services including certain data related to the individuals placed on home detention, number of times individuals violated the conditions of home detention monitoring, the number of times violations were reported to law enforcement, and the number of times violations were reported to the judiciary. HB 1125 also requires that the workgroup provide additional recommendations concerning the policies and practices that apply when an individual violates a condition of home detention monitoring and the responses of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services and Home Monitoring agencies when a person violates the condition of home detention monitoring.

Last year the Maryland General Assembly passed both SB1095 and SB468 which reinstated the Workgroup on Home Detention Monitoring and provided more strict parameters for individuals on private home detention respectively. HB 1125 is necessary as home monitoring varies across the State of Maryland. Only some of the counties outsource electronic home monitoring to private contractors. A violation of home monitoring can result in criminal charges, incarceration and other consequences. This workgroup will gather important data on what happens when individuals violate home monitoring. This information is necessary to ensure the programs are being run effectively and equitably.

For the above stated reasons, the BCA respectfully request a **favorable** report on HB 1125.