

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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## **CATANIA WARNS AGAINST MLB DEAL WITH ANGELOS**

Washington, D.C. – At a press conference attended by current and new D.C. Councilmembers, David Catania (I-At-Large) warned residents that in addition to Mayor Williams' give-way agreement to build a new stadium at public expense, the expected deal between Major League Baseball and Baltimore Orioles' owner Peter Angelos will almost certainly result in higher cable and satellite fees for D.C. taxpayers.

"This is the most money any city has been forced to spend for a baseball stadium," said Councilmember Catania, "What's worse, the secret TV rights deal that MLB proposes with Peter Angelos promises increased satellite and cable rates for District residents. We come together today because we want there to be some transparency. If residents are going to pay, we want to know right now how much this thing is going to cost. We don't want any future surprises when the CFO completes his analysis of the deal in May."

For more information on any of these actions, please contact the Office of Councilmember David A. Catania by calling 202-724-7772 or visiting [www.davidcatania.com](http://www.davidcatania.com).

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