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	Subject/Position:	22-0134R – Informational Hearing - 2022 Labor Day Weekend E. Coli Positive Tests and Baltimore City Government’s Response		

To: President and Members
of the City Council
c/o 409 City Hall

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The Baltimore City Health Department (BCHD) has reviewed Council Resolution 22-0134R, entitled, “Informational Hearing - 2022 Labor Day Weekend E. Coli Positive Tests and Baltimore City Government’s Response.” The purpose of this resolution is to invite representatives from City agencies to discuss the E. coli discovered in the City’s water system on or before Labor Day weekend 2022 and to detail a complete time line of events that have transpired up to the date of this informational hearing regarding testing results, notifications to the City Administration, and notifications to City residents.

During the period of Sunday September 4, 2022 through Saturday, September 10, 2022, BCHD served as a supporting agency in the City’s emergency response for the E. coli water incident. As the local health department, BCHD’s role during the response was focused on the following: 1) providing general information and education to the public on the signs and symptoms of an E. coli infection, 2) supporting the coordination and communication with impacted healthcare facilities including nursing homes and hospitals in the affected areas, 3) providing additional coordination and support for impacted assisted living facilities, senior housing sites, City schools, and food facilities, and 4) identifying and tracing possible E. coli related illnesses among City residents exposed to the water. The health department team worked directly in the Emergency Operations Center under the leadership of DPW, the incident command in the response, to assist as assigned.

BCHD requests a **favorable** report on City Council Resolution 22-0134R, and the Department will be present at the informational hearing and available to answer any questions.