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**TO**  
 The Honorable Stephanie Rawlings-Blake  
 President,  
 City Council of Baltimore  
 400 City Hall

The Environmental Control Board (ECB) supports the above Bill authorizing the issuance of environmental citations to enforce certain violations of the Building, Fire and Related Codes that were not previously listed as environmental fines.

This bill provides uniformity and consistency in the interpretation and enforcement of those codes to ensure safe and properly maintained buildings and properties for those who live, work, and play in our community. Prior to this bill many of the violations were heard when contested in several different forums. The findings were inconsistent at best. This bill changes the hearing forum unilaterally to ECB.

ECB defers to the Law Department for matters of legal sufficiency, however we stress that this bill includes numerous matters that were not previously assigned to be heard before this Board.

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