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November 14, 2019

The Honorable President and Members
of the Baltimore City Council
Attn.: Natawna B. Austin, Executive Secretary
Room 409, City Hall
100 N. Holliday Street
Baltimore, MD 21202

Re: City Council Bill 19-0169R (Resolution)—Investigative Hearing—Minority and Women’s Business Opportunity Office

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Comptroller’s Office has reviewed City Council Bill 19-0169R. This Resolution would invite the Chief of the Minority and Women’s Business Opportunity Office (MWBOO) to report to the City Council on its effectiveness in meeting the City’s Minority Business Enterprise and Women’s Business Enterprise participation goals. Council Bill 19-0169R refers to a December 2018 audit of the Department of Law which included three findings and recommendations for action related to MWBOO’s performance measures for Fiscal Years June 30, 2017 and 2016.

The Department of Audits is a unit of City government that reports to the Office of the Comptroller. Article V, §11 of the City Charter requires the Department of Audits to conduct biennial audits of principal agencies of City government. The next audit of the Department of Law will occur in calendar year 2020. This audit will include an ancillary report on the implementation status of all recommendations for action from the immediately preceding audit, as required by Article V §11(d) of the Charter. The ancillary report will directly address the status of the three findings related to MWBOO’s performance measures.

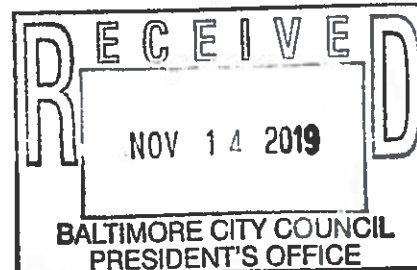
Council Bill 19-0169R invites MWBOO to address broadly its efforts to meet its goals and poses certain specific questions that could shed light on MWBOO’s implementation of actions to address the findings in the December 2018 audit. Given the importance of Minority Business Enterprise and Women’s Business Enterprise participation on City contracts, Council Bill 19-0169R could help to address the issues that will be further reviewed in next year’s audit.

For these reasons, the Office of the Comptroller has no objections to Council Bill 19-0169R.

Sincerely,

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cc: Mr. Dominic McAlily, Legislative Assistant, Office of the City Council President
Mr. Matt Stegman, Legislative Liaison, Office of the Mayor