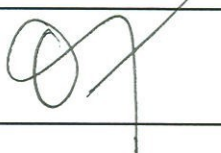



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To: President and Members
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October 21, 2009

The Baltimore City Health Department (BCHD) supports City Council Bill 09-0150R with amendments. The purpose of the bill is to request the Baltimore Police Commissioner to report to the City Council on the treatment of dogs during police response to citizens' calls, service of arrest warrants, and the execution of raids for drug-related and other criminal activities.

One of the many missions of BCHD is to protect animal welfare. Therefore, BCHD respectfully requests the bill's language be broadened to encompass all domestic animals, including cats, snakes and other reptile species, birds, etc. All domestic animals deserve protection from unwarranted harm.

Cc: Angela Gibson

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