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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 20-0551 (Resolution) (Charter Amendment)—Charter Amendment—Term Limits

Dear Mr. President and Members, Baltimore City Council:

The Comptroller's Office has reviewed City Council Bill 20-0551. This Bill would amend Article V §1 of the City Charter to prohibit a person who has been elected to two consecutive terms as Baltimore City Comptroller from serving as Comptroller again during the term that immediately follows the two consecutive terms. Other provisions of the Bill apply similar prohibitions to the President of the City Council, the Mayor, and City Council members.

The Office of the Comptroller takes no position on Council Bill 20-0551, but offers the following comments. City Code Article 22, Section 22(a)(1) governs eligibility of elected officials to receive retirement benefits from the Elected Officials' Retirement System. The right to receive benefits upon retirement is vested after 12 years of service if the elected official has attained age 55, or after 16 years of service otherwise.

Thank you for considering these comments in your deliberations on Council Bill 20-0551. If you have any questions, please contact me at 410-396-4755.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joan M. Pratt, CPA".

Joan M. Pratt, CPA
Comptroller

cc: Mr. Dominic McAlily, Legislative Assistant, Office of the City Council President
Mr. Matt Stegman, Deputy Director of Government Relations, Office of the Mayor
Ms. Nina Themelis, Legislative Liaison, Office of the Mayor