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Honorable President and Members
of the City Council of Baltimore
c/o Natwana Austin, Executive Secretary
Room 409, City Hall
100 N. Holliday Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Re: City Council Bill 19-0168R- Growing the Film Industry in Baltimore

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 19-0168R for form and legal sufficiency. This resolution is for the purpose of inviting representatives from the Baltimore Office of Promotion and the Arts to speak at an informational hearing regarding the current status and future potential of the film industry in Baltimore, and asking the 2020 Baltimore City Delegation to the Maryland General Assembly to support an increase in Film Production Activity Tax Credit amounts in order to maintain and grow the film industry in Baltimore City..

In general, a City Council resolution is "an expression of opinion or mind concerning some particular item of business coming within the legislative body's official cognizance." *Inlet Assocs. v. Assateague House Condominium Assoc.*, 545 A.2d 1296, 1303 (Md. 1988) (quoting *McQuillin Mun. Corp.* § 15:2 (3rd Ed.)). Council Bill 18-0110R is an appropriate resolution to express the Council's concerns about this particular situation and request that appropriate officials to discuss implementation efforts.

The Law Department approves Council Bill 19-0168R for form and legal sufficiency as it is a valid method of conveying City Council's desires regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Elena R. DiPietro'.

Elena R. DiPietro
Chief Solicitor

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