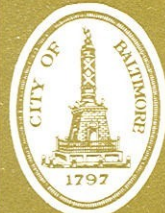


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TO
The Honorable Stephanie Rawlings-Blake
President,
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The Environmental Control Board (ECB) supports the above Bill for the purpose of establishing a sustainability plan for the City of Baltimore.

ECB views community needs and community involvements as key components for a sound government. We vision this bill as a process for growth that impacts future investments and endorses not just financial resources, but human, social and environmental resources for future generations.

ECB has always maintained that one of the many challenges facing city government is to maintain a delicate balance between economic development, growth development, environmental preservation and enforcement of the existing laws towards environmental sustainable goals. ECB's main objective is to identify and work toward controlling harmful environmental factors and to promote those that are effective.

The proposed plan is in tandem with the existing goals and mission of ECB. The cleanliness, pollution prevention, resource conservation, education and awareness are overlapping goals of this agency as well. We strongly support this bill as it is consistent with the combined goals of many of the already existing city agencies to make the city a cleaner, greener, and better place to live not only for the present but for future generations.

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