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President and Members of the City Council

Baltimore City Council

FROM:

John P. Stewart, Executive Director

Commission on Aging and Retirement Education (CARE)

DATE:

July 10, 2008

RE:

City Council Bill 08-0133

POSITION: SUPPORT

City Council Bill 08-0133 was submitted at the request of Project PLASE (People Lacking Ample Shelter and Employment), c/o Mary Slicher, Executive Director. This request is to expand and merge all Project PLASE programs into one location which will be located at 1801 Falls Road. Project PLASE is a well established transitional housing program for homeless persons. This program will provide assistance to approximately seventy (70) individuals and enable them to have a place to call home. The new location will have eight (8) apartments and fifty-eight (58) one bedroom units.

The property located at 1801 Falls Road, is a three story building with approximately 35,000 square feet. It has a new elevator that is ADA approved. The new building is located in the rear of Project Plase's current main business office and transitional home located at 1814 Maryland Avenue.

The community has embraced this program and works well with the program residents. The Community Association is in full support of the program and has submitted a letter of support to Councilmember Bernard Young.

Project PLASE has been in operation well over 20 years and has an outstanding reputation in the community. The program has operated within the guidelines established for transitional and assisted living for the homeless population, and is in compliance with all applicable federal, state and local licensing and certification requirements.



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Off street parking is available in the parking lot located on the side and rear of the property.

This facility will offer a viable community based alternative living environment for homeless individuals. With supportive services, these individuals will gain independence and the ability to function at the highest level possible.

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C: Angela Gibson, Mayor's Legislative Liaison to City Council Frank E. Johnson, Deputy Executive Director Tessa Hill-Aston, Housing Administrator Sheila Lawrence, CARE Legislative Liaison

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