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The Honorable President and Members
of the Baltimore City Council
Attn: Executive Secretary
Room 409, City Hall
100 N. Holliday Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Re: City Council Bill 23-0453 – Tax Credit – Brownfields Incentive Program

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 23-0453 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill would add language to Section 10-10 of Article 28 of the City Code for the Brownfields Tax Credit program to stop accepting applications after December 31, 2024.

The City, like any other county, is permitted, but not required, to grant a real property tax credit to properties that comply with a voluntary clean-up program or corrective action plan for environmental issues. Md. Code, Tax-Prop., § 9-229. This bill is consistent with the state enabling law. Therefore, the Law Department can approve the bill for form and legal sufficiency.

Very truly yours,

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