



January 23, 2024

Via Electronic Mail

Councilwoman Danielle McCray
Chair, Health, Environment, and Technology Committee
100 Holliday Street
Room 525
Baltimore, MD 21202

Re: Council Bill 23-0418

Dear Councilwoman McCray:

I would like to take this opportunity to communicate Major League Baseball's support for Council Bill 23-0418 that would prohibit the use of tobacco products in stadiums in the City of Baltimore.

Major League Baseball strongly believes that children should not use or be exposed to tobacco products, and that preventing children from being exposed to tobacco is an important public health initiative. In that spirit, Major League Baseball has long supported a ban on the use of tobacco products in Major League Baseball stadiums. We are proud of the progress we have made toward this important goal, and we hope that the Baltimore City Council will continue this momentum, as many other cities throughout our game have done.

We fully support the tobacco regulations passed by other city and state governments that have resulted in sixteen tobacco-free Major League Baseball stadiums and have publicly stated this position. The tobacco prohibitions proposed by the Baltimore City Council will assist in the accomplishment of our goal of a complete ban of tobacco at all levels of professional baseball.

Please do not hesitate to contact my office if there is any assistance that Major League Baseball can provide you or the Baltimore City Council in their consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Daniel R. Halem