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	Subject: Position:	21-0032R - Informational Hearing - Studying the Feasibility of a Small Hauler Incentive Program <b>FAVORABLE</b>		

To: President and Members  
of the City Council  
c/o 409 City Hall

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The Baltimore City Health Department (BCHD) is pleased to have the opportunity to review Council Bill #21-0032R, entitled, “Informational Hearing - Studying the Feasibility of a Small Hauler Incentive Program.” The purpose of this resolution is to bring together several City agencies to “discuss the feasibility of enacting a small hauler incentive program to better offset illegal dumping and litter in our communities.”

In 2020, the City enacted a bill establishing a 90-day trial of the Small Hauler Incentive Program. The program allowed for free small hauler permits from BCHD and no tipping fees at the Northwest Transfer station run by the Department of Public Works (DPW). Unfortunately, the small hauler incentive program started on March 9, 2020, right at the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The timing of the program’s start hampered BCHD’s ability to monitor its efficacy in curbing illegal dumping. Another challenge BCHD encountered involved a technological limitation creating an inability to review when small hauler permits were issued. This issue will be addressed as BCHD moves to a new database in the near future.

Altogether, BCHD is unable to provide a firm recommendation regarding the efficacy of the small hauler incentive program in curbing illegal dumping and littering in Baltimore City. However, to promote additional transparency regarding the program, BCHD requests a **favorable** report on Council Bill #21-0032R.