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	Subject	CB 16-0730 – Zoning – Conditional Use – Amending Ordinance 01-236		

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 Zoning – Conditional Use Amending Ordinance 01-236. This bill amends Ordinance 01-236 to increase the maximum bed capacity of the Gaudenzia residential substance abuse treatment facility and to clarify that, while no outpatient program may be conducted on the site to provide services to the general public, patients from the operator’s other facilities may be transported to and from this site to receive treatment as necessary; and conforming certain language to reflect the current Zoning Code reference.

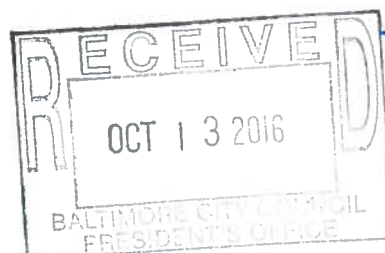
Gaudenzia is an active provider in Baltimore City receiving funding from both Behavioral Health System Baltimore and the State of Maryland Behavioral Health Administration for residential Substance Use Disorder treatment. They are accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities.

Providing access to behavioral health treatment is a top priority for BCHD. This bill will help expand the availability of services. BCHD supports this bill and encourages a favorable report, with one condition: we recommend striking the language in Section 1 on page 2, lines 1-4 “This conditional use may not be implemented until the Baltimore City Health Department and the Abell Foundation Select an Operator through the issued Request for Proposals.” This language does not apply to BCHD or the Abell Foundation, as neither party is involved with selecting operators for residential treatment in Baltimore City.

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