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

Re: City Council Bill 17-0008R (Resolution) – Investigative Hearing
Late Payments to Subcontractors on City Contracts

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Baltimore City Office of Civil Rights and Wage Enforcement appreciates the efforts of Councilman Stokes and the co-sponsors in drafting a bill aimed at improving contractor compliance and the opportunity to weigh in.

Currently, the Wage Commission enforces prevailing and living wage laws on contracts awarded by the City of Baltimore. Enforcement includes the review of certified payrolls followed by investigation for misclassification and overtime if a discrepancy is determined. In addition to review of certified payrolls, the Wage Commission also investigates complaints from individuals that believe they have been paid unfair wages.

The Wage Commission is not involved in any process that has to do with prime contractors making late payments to their subcontractors on city contracts. The Wage Commission would refer those subcontractors, who complain about late payments, to the contracting agencies.

Position: The Office of Civil Rights and Wage Enforcement does not take a position on the above-referenced City Council Bill 17-008R.

Sincerely,

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Director

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