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The Honorable President and Members
of the Baltimore City Council
Attn: Natawna Austin, Executive Secretary
Rom 409, City Hall
100 N. Holliday Street
Baltimore, MD 21202

Re: City Council Bill 19-0150R – Investigative Hearing – Entities Receiving City Funds:
Are They Holding Up Their End of the Bargain

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Minority and Women's Business Opportunity Office (MWBOO) has reviewed City Council Bill 19-0150R. The Bill is a resolution seeking to investigate why certain venues that receive public funding do not include Minority and Women's Business Enterprise's (M/WBE's) on the "preferred caterers lists" when leasing the space for public events.

The M/WBE program is applicable to every contract or other agreement between the City of Baltimore and any governmental agency, corporation, developer, or contractor under which the City is providing fiscal assistance. The program is currently not applicable to the events described in this resolution.

The Minority and Women's Business Opportunity Office supports the goal of this resolution which is focused on an open discussion related to diversity, inclusion and equity within a specific market.

Sincerely,



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Chief -MWBOO

cc: Andre M. Davis, City Solicitor
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