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To:

The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council

c/o Karen Randle, Executive Secretary

From: Paul T. Graziano, Commissioner

Date: September 16, 2010

Re:

City Council Bill 10-0588 - Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners School

System Revenue Bonds

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 10-0588, which was introduced for the purpose of approving the issuance by the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners of the Baltimore City Public School System of its revenue bonds, designated "School System Revenue Bonds (Qualified School Construction Bonds)" and "School System Revenue Bonds (Refunding Bonds)".

This bond revenue will be used for the financing and refinancing the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, equipping or renovation of public school facilities. DHCD believes that this revenue is vital to the continued improvement and maintenance of these buildings. Accordingly, the Department of Housing and Community Development supports the adoption of City Council Bill 10-0588.

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cc:

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