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Honorable President Bernard Young
Members of the City Council
Baltimore City Council
100 N. Holliday Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

RE: **Council Bill # 10-0446**
Public Ethics Law – Clarifications and Expanded Coverage

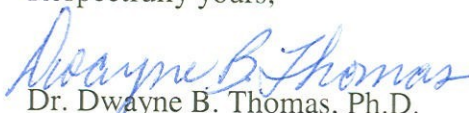
Dear President Young:

The Baltimore City Department of Recreation and Parks is submitting its support for Council Bill #10-0446. The purpose of this bill is to redefine and clarify certain terms as applicable to certain prohibited acts, required disclosures, and other ethics regulations as well as clarify and expand the scope of those to whom certain prohibitions apply. In addition, this bill aims to correct, conform and clarify related provisions.

BCRP does not object to this legislation that will delineate and broaden the City's ethics rules and regulations. These efforts will curtail instances of conflicts of interest as well as define disclosure obligation requirements for those who serve on boards and commissions. We are glad to support any efforts to safeguard the citizens of Baltimore City against acts of impropriety, as well as those who are willing to serve on our various boards and commissions through the creation of forward-thinking and clearly defined operating standards.

Again, the Department of Recreation and Parks **supports Council Bill # 10-0446.**

Respectfully yours,


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Cc: Angela Gibson, Liaison to City Council

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