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	SUBJECT	CITY COUNCIL BILL 13-0211		

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TO
 The Honorable President and Members
 of the Baltimore City Council
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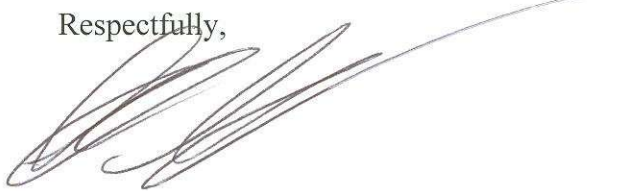
I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 13-0211 introduced by the Council President on behalf of the Administration (Department of Finance).

The purpose of the Bill is to provide a Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$500,000 to the Department of General Services (Service 731 – Facilities Management) to provide funding for additional operating expenses.

The Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) requires that asbestos discovered during renovation or deconstruction be appropriately addressed by encapsulating, enclosing, or removing the material under strict standards. Once widely used in the construction industry nationwide, asbestos was used as a fire retardant insulation on beams, fire walls and doors until 1973; mechanical insulation on pipes, ducts, and boilers until 1975; and acoustical and decorative insulation on ceiling and walls until 1978.

City Council Bill 13-0211, if approved, would provide an additional \$500,000 to the Department of General Services FY 2013 Facilities Management Budget. These funds will enable the Department to continue to assist the Baltimore City Public Schools in the remediation of asbestos. The Board of Estimates approved the supplemental request on March 27, 2013.

The Department of General Services supports passage of City Council Bill 13-0211.

Respectfully,


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