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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 # 14-0316**  
**Special Fund for Preserving the City's Natural Environmental -**  
**Establish**

Dear President Young:

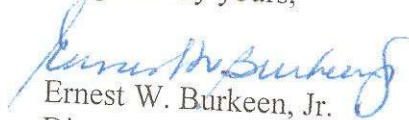
I am herein reporting on City Council Bill #14-0316 introduced by Councilmember Kraft.

This Bill is for the purpose of establishing a continuing and nonlapsing special fund to be known as the Special Fund for Preserving the City's Natural Environment; specifying the purposes, sources of revenue, and uses of this Special Fund; and generally relating to the establishment and operation of a special fund to promote the cleaning and preserving of the City's natural environment, including establishment, maintenance, and restoration of parks and other open spaces, streams, and the harbor.

The Department of Recreation and Parks has reviewed Council Bill 14-0316 and appreciates its intent. We look forward to participating in the scheduled hearing related to this Bill. However, we wish to defer to the expertise of the Department of Finance in rendering an opinion on this piece of legislation.

**The Department of Recreation and Parks is deferring to the Department of Finance in the matter of Council Bill # 14-0316.**

Respectfully yours,

  
Ernest W. Burkeen, Jr.  
Director

EWB:VSO

Cc: Angela Gibson, Liaison to City Council



*Defers to Finance*