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Baltimore City Council
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Dear Council President and Members of the Baltimore City Council:

I'm writing in support of the proposed Charter Amendment establishing a Department of Water and Wastewater. As the sponsor of the legislation that established the Regional Water Governance Work Group and Chair of its Governance Committee, I have had the opportunity to work with utility experts, local government leaders, labor representatives, and community stakeholders to examine the future governance of Baltimore's water and wastewater system. The Work Group was created by the Maryland General Assembly to evaluate governance options and develop recommendations to strengthen the management and oversight of this critical regional asset.

The Work Group's discussions have highlighted the unique operational and infrastructure challenges Baltimore's public utilities are facing. Creating a dedicated Department of Water and Wastewater recognizes the complexities of these responsibilities and provides clearer accountability, which will allow for greater focus on maintaining safe, reliable, and affordable water and wastewater services for customers throughout the region. This Charter Amendment is a practical reform that will strengthen utility governance and ensure that Baltimore's water and wastewater system is positioned to overcome future challenges.

I respectfully urge the Council to support this Charter Amendment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dana Stein".

Delegate Dana Stein
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