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	SUBJECT	City Council Bill 13-0176 Tax Credits - High-Performance Market-Rate Rental Housing		

TO

DATE:

February 27, 2013

The Honorable President and Members of City Council
City Hall 4th floor
100 N. Holliday Street

Please be advised of the following comments offered on behalf of the Baltimore Commission on Sustainability (CoS). The CoS has reviewed the **City Council Bill # 13-0176 Tax Credits – High-Performance Market-Rate rental Housing** and is offering the following comments.

The intent of this bill addresses the following goals of the Baltimore Sustainability Plan as approved by City Council on March 2, 2009:

- Pollution Prevention Goal 1: Reduce Baltimore’s greenhouse gas emissions by 15% by 2015;
- Resource Conservation Goal 1: Reduce Baltimore’s energy use by 15% by 2015
 - Strategy A: Require aggressive energy efficiency standards as part of the Baltimore Green Building Standards
 - Strategy B: Improve the energy efficiency of existing homes and buildings
 - Strategy E: Increase energy conservation by residents, City government, businesses and institutions
- Green Economy Goal 2: Make Baltimore a center for Green Business
 - Strategy C: Encourage construction industry to use “green” building practices
- Green Economy Goal 4: Raise Baltimore’s profile as a forward thinking, green city
 - Strategy D: Support innovative and pilot projects and technologies

On February 26, 2013, the Commission on Sustainability called a vote regarding this legislation.
Support In-Favor: 14 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 1

It was the consensus of the Commission on Sustainability to support City Council Bill # 13-0176.

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