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TO The Honorable President and
Members of the City Council
Room 400, City Hall

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Attention: Ms. Karen Randle

City Council Bill #09-0272 has been introduced for the purpose of establishing a Sustainability Plan for the City of Baltimore and providing for a special effective date. The Plan encompasses all elements of sustainability, establishes sustainability targets and recommends public and private sustainability initiatives, and includes a public information component. It established key sustainability indicators to track the progress of plan implementation and is organized around a structure of the seven themes of cleanliness, pollution prevention, resource conservation, greening, transportation, education and awareness and green economy, meant to capture the main elements of sustainability. There are extensive goals and strategies set forth in the plan that would be incorporated into the City's Comprehensive Master Plan as an appendix. The legislation also proposes that the Sustainability Commission would annually review and submit a report to the City Council on the State of the Sustainability Plan's implementation, goal achievements, and other effects, and recommend any amendments to the Plan that the Commission finds necessary or appropriate.

The Department of Finance supports the efforts of the Sustainability Commission and the Office of Sustainability in developing this plan. There is not a specific fiscal impact associated with the adoption of the plan itself, and the plan acknowledges that sustainable funding strategies that do not impose additional financial burdens on the City government need to be developed for many of the recommendations. The Department of Finance looks forward to working with the Office of Sustainability to implement the various recommendations included throughout the Plan in a manner that minimizes the financial impact to the City. The Department of Finance supports passage of Council Bill 09-0272.

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