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	Subject	Council Bill 13-0131R Improving BARCS Facilities		

To: President and Members  
of the City Council  
c/o 409 City Hall

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The Baltimore City Health Department (BCHD) is pleased to have the opportunity to review Council Bill 13-0131R Improving BARCS Facilities. The purpose of this bill is to request the Baltimore City Health Department, the Department of General Services, and the Department of Finance to report to the City Council on the needs assessment, feasibility, and building program study for a new or renovated facility for the Baltimore Animal Rescue and Care Shelter (BARCS) located at 301 Stockholm Street in Baltimore.

BARCS fulfills an indispensable need of Baltimore City. It provides services to over 12,000 dogs and cats and 1000 exotic animals and wildlife. It is imperative that BARCS have quality facilities. Our knowledge and understanding of sheltering needs has increased dramatically over the past 30 years. A modern facility is critical to meeting the goals of the program.

BCHD recognizes the capacity demands of BARCS and supports this resolution and will attend the hearing to provide any additional information and answer any questions that the Council may have.

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