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	SUBJECT	City Council Bill 18-0184		

TO Mayor Catherine E. Pugh

DATE: March 14, 2018

TO: Respective City Council Land Use and Transportation Committee
 FROM: Department of Transportation
 POSITION: Oppose
 RE: City Council Bill 18-0184 - Zoning - Use Regulation - Health-Care Clinics

INTRODUCTION – For the purpose of providing that health-care clinics in the C-1, C-1-VC, C-1-E, C-2, and C-3 Zoning Districts require conditional use approval by Ordinance of the Mayor and City Council.

PURPOSE/PLANS – This bill amends Table 10-301 *Commercial Districts – Permitted and Conditional Uses* to change the table entry for the Health-Care Clinic from “CB” indicating a conditional use requiring approval by the Baltimore City Board of Municipal Zoning Appeals (BMZA), to “CO” indicating a conditional use requiring approval by the Mayor and City Council by Ordinance. By contrast, Health-Care Clinics are now a conditional use to the BMZA in the C-1, C-1-VC, and C-1-E districts, and they are permitted by right in C-2 and C-3.

This bill will change the method of approval to a legislative authorization through elected officials, as opposed to an appointed Board.

BRIEF HISTORY – The zoning districts within the bill were all created through TransForm Baltimore, the comprehensive rezoning of Baltimore. The various C-1 subdistricts were also newly created, which offer more differentiation options than the former B-1 districts. As part of the zoning code rewrite process, Baltimore City Department of Planning staff recommended that Health-Care Clinics be approvable as permitted uses. The use was later amended to be a conditional use requiring approval BMZA.

FISCAL IMPACT – Not applicable to the Department of Transportation at this time.

AGENCY/DEPARTMENT POSITION –
 The Department of Transportation respectfully **opposes** City Council Bill 18-0184.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Katelyn McCauley at Katelyn.McCauley@baltimorecity.gov, (443) 677-9391.

Sincerely,



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