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The Honorable Bernard C. "Jack" Young
President, Baltimore City Council
City Hall, Room 400
100 N. Holliday Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

RE: Position Statement
City Council Bill 11-0771

Dear Council President Young:

On August 15, 2011, the Baltimore City Council introduced the above-captioned bill, for the purpose of establishing a Baltimore Anti-Gang Commission. Baltimore City Public Schools (City Schools) supports this bill, with the following recommendations.

- Inclusion of a City Schools facilitator on the 10-member Board appointed by the Mayor.
- The 5-year Strategic Plan should be revised annually, based on new data regarding gang activity in Baltimore.

City Schools will be glad to testify regarding our recommendations for this bill. Thank you for inviting us to participate in this process.

Sincerely,



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