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The Honorable President and Members
of the Baltimore City Council
Attn: Executive Secretary
Room 409, City Hall
100 N. Holliday Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

RE: City Council Bill 22-0200R – Informational Hearing –School Based Health Clinics

Dear President and Members:

You have requested the advice of the Law Department regarding City Council Bill 23-0200R. City Council Bill 23-0200R is for the purpose of inviting representatives of the Baltimore City Public School System, the Baltimore Health Department, the Maryland Department of Health, the Mayor's Office of Children and Family Success, and other relevant stakeholders for the purpose of discussing the development, expansion, and preservation of school-based health clinics within the Baltimore City Public School System.

In general, Art. III, Sec. 9 of the City Charter and Art. 1, Sec. 1-4 gives the City Council authority to call before it, department heads and other City officials to inquire about the operation of City agencies and to investigate complaints and allegations regarding City operations. However, the City Council cannot compel the Maryland Department of Health to appear before them, although, MDH representatives may do so voluntarily.

A resolution is an appropriate way for the City Council of Baltimore to express its views on a particular matter such as discussing with experienced officials on how they are planning to develop, expand and preserve school-based health clinics. *See, e.g., Inlet Assocs. v. Assateague House Condominium*, 313 Md. 413, 428 (1988). Therefore, the Law Department approves this Resolution for form and legal sufficiency.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Teresa Epps Cummings".

Teresa Epps Cummings

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