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Baltimore City Department of Social Services

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The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council c/o Karen Randle, Executive Secretary Room 409, City Hall 100 N Holliday Street Baltimore, Maryland 21201

Honorable President and Members:

The Baltimore City Department of Social Services (BCDSS) has no objections to City Council Bill 13-0261 Minors-Curfew Reform.

BCDSS authority to provide family intervention is defined by Maryland COMAR Title 07 Subtitle02. The intervention presents itself in the form of abuse and/or neglect investigations. Violation of the curfew may not constitute abuse or neglect. However, in cases of children under the age of 13 years old without supervision as defined in the legislation, the agency would like the opportunity to offer voluntary in-home services to families as we have done in the past at the Curfew Center.

We encourage the members of the Baltimore City Council and the public to always report cases of suspected abuse and neglect to our 24hr hotline at 410-361-2235.

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in this process.

Sincerely,

David Thompson

Interim Director

cc: Angela Gibson, Office of Mayor

Antonio Hayes, Chief of Staff, Baltimore City Department of Social Services

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