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The Honorable President and Members
of the Baltimore City Council
Attn: Natawna Austin, Executive Secretary
Room 409, City Hall
100 N. Holliday Street
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Re: City Council Bill 24-0488 – Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation –
M-R: Arts and Culture – \$581,334

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department reviewed City Council Bill 24-0488 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill provides a Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$581,334 to M-R: Arts and Culture – Service 824 (Events: Art: Culture: and Film), to provide funding for general operations. This is the 3rd supplemental appropriation that will restore funding to the Baltimore Office of Promotion and the Arts in recognition that BOPA has complied with the requested actions of the City Council. This supplementary appropriation will restore the final portion of the monies originally cut from the Ordinance of Estimates for Fiscal Year 2024. This supplementary appropriation shall fund BOPA for the 4th quarter of Fiscal Year 2024. The money for this supplementary appropriation is from Transfer Tax revenue in excess of the revenue relied on by the Board of Estimates in determining the tax levy required to balance the budget for Fiscal Year 2024. The bill would take effect on its date of enactment.

City Charter Art. VI, § 8(b)(2)(iii) permits a supplementary appropriation when there has been “a material change in circumstances, or additional appropriations for new programs that could not reasonably be anticipated at the time of the formulation of the proposed Ordinance of Estimates” for the fiscal year. The supplementary appropriation must be recommended by the Board of Estimates and approved by the Mayor and City Council via an ordinance. The ordinance must identify the source of the funds and may only involve a “single program, purpose, activity or project.” City Charter, Art. VI, § 8(c). The Law Department approves this bill for form and legal sufficiency.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Michele Toth".

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