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	SUBJECT	Re: City Council Bill 09-0284 Sanitation – "One Plus One" Collection Program		

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TO
The Honorable Stephanie Rawlings-Blake
City Council of Baltimore
400 City Hall

The Environmental Control Board (ECB) supports the above Bill.

In addition to viewing this bill as an effective program to augment the established recycling and trash collection programs, this bill would be instrumental in promoting technical innovations for the citizens of Baltimore.

In the past all waste material generated from households were disposed of in the same container, and hauled away by the City Sanitation workers. At that particular time, one of the major concerns was that household hazardous waste and other materials would not be placed in the same trashcans to be disposed of in a landfill.

Increased interest arose over the quantity and type of waste being discarded. Recycling programs were implemented as markets for those discarded materials developed to insure environmentally sustainable products.

This bill takes the initiatives for a greener, cleaner environment a step further in that all disposals would be placed in separate receptacles making disposal of waste that much easier. The recyclables could be delivered to a processing facility where the materials are sold to companies that reuse those materials in their manufacturing processes. Only the remaining trash would be delivered to a landfill where it is buried.

It has become clear over the last several years when the City has attempted the recycling schedules as well as two weekly pick-ups that some people were confused. The one plus one should cut down on confusion and allow a more efficient curbside collection as it's easier to remember one mixed refuse and one recycling per week per address, and hopefully less trash and debris scattered.

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