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|                            | SUBJECT               | City Council Bill 10-0501   |                                       |  |

TO

The Honorable President and Members  
of the City Council  
c/o Karen Randle  
Room 400 City Hall

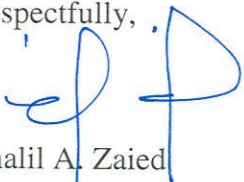
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I am herein reporting on City Council Bill #10-0501.

Bill No. 10-0501 proposes the establishment of an inter-Departmental workgroup, including broad representation from stakeholders outside Baltimore City government, to draft Board of Estimates rules and/or an ordinance expanding the application of existing rules contained within Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development of 1968 to as broad a class of City contracts as feasible. It lays out the framework for an enforceable obligation which aims to reduce the city's unemployment rate and withstand legal challenge.

The Department of Transportation (DOT) supports City Council Bill #10-0501 and the creation of a City Resident Hiring Preference Work Group, which will research the potential for implementing a mandatory hiring preference for companies which employ low-income Baltimore City residents when procuring City services. The DOT looks forward to serving on this work group and hopes it reaches a workable outcome which meets the intended goals. The DOT would like to take this opportunity to note that its unique array of funding sources from Federal, State and local entities may require its contracts to undergo more intense legal scrutiny than those from some other Departments. The DOT plans to work closely with the work group to address any such issues.

Respectfully,



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