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

Re: City Council Bill 15-0275R = "There's a Better Way" to Assist Homeless

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 15-0275R for form and legal sufficiency. This resolution is for the purpose of encouraging the Administration to examine how best to incorporate elements of Albuquerque, New Mexico's "There's a Better Way" program to assist homeless individuals with work and support into Baltimore's efforts to make homelessness a rare and brief experience.

A resolution of the City Council is typically used to address matters of concern to the City or policy matters that impact the City. Therefore, City Council Bill 15-0275R is the appropriate manner in which to discuss this topic. McQuillin, Municipal Corporations, §§15.01 et seq.; see also Inlet Assocs. v. Assateague House Condominium, 313 Md. 413, 428 (1988).

Sincerely,

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