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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
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Re: City Council Bill 23-0342 – Supplementary General Fund Capital Appropriation –
Department of General Services – \$500,000

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department reviewed City Council Bill 23-0342 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill provides a Supplementary General Fund Capital Appropriation in the amount of \$500,000 to the Department of General Services – PRJ002749 (City Hall HVAC) to provide funding to upgrade the HVAC system at City Hall. The money is from surplus of revenue in the General Fund in Fiscal 2022 generated from income taxes 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 2023. The bill is effective on the date it is enacted.

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 black ink, appearing to read "Michele Toth".

Michele Toth
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