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The Honorable President and Members  
of the Baltimore City Council  
c/o Karen Randle, Executive Secretary  
Room 409, City Hall  
100 North Holliday Street  
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Re: City Council Bill No. 13-0292 – Animal Abuse – Reporting and Community  
Involvement

Dear President and Members,

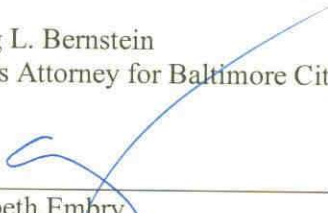
City Council bill 13-0292 – Animal Abuse – Reporting and Community Involvement was referred to our office for review and comment. The bill would allow reporting of animal abuse to the 911 call system as well as the 311 system, and would expand the number of at-large members of the Mayor's Anti-Animal Abuse Advisory Commission.

The Office of the State's Attorney supports this bill with the amendment that language be added to clarify that the 911 system is reserved for emergency calls only. With such an amendment, the bill will codify existing practice and result in effective prioritization of response to reported abuse. We support the expansion of the Commission, which will allow for increased public participation.

Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to comment on the proposed legislation.

Sincerely,

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cc: Angela Gibson, Mayor's Legislative Liaison

