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	Subject: Position:	22-0306 – Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation – Health Department \$32,000,000 <b>FAVORABLE</b>		

To: President and Members  
of the City Council  
c/o 409 City Hall

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The Baltimore City Health Department (BCHD) is pleased to have the opportunity to review City Council bill #22-0306, entitled “Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation – Health Department \$32,000,000.” This legislation seeks to provide a Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$32,000,000.00 to the Health Department - Service 315 (Emergency Services – Health).

The BCHD incurred expenditures resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. The Health Department was the lead agency, providing an array of direct healthcare and related services to both City residents and employees. Expenses included pandemic response personnel, vaccine administration, contact tracing, and testing. This appropriation is required to bring our FY22 budget into balance and is necessary due to the increased costs related to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Reimbursements from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and a surplus in Recordation Taxes will be used to cover these supplemental expenses.

For the above reasons, BCHD urges a **favorable report** on City Council bill #22-0306. We look forward to attending the hearing and answering any questions the Council may have.