

MEMORANDUM

The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council To:

c/o Karen Randle, Executive Secretary

From: Paul T. Graziano, Commissioner

Date: June 24, 2010

City Council Bill 10-0568 - Supplementary Appropriation -Re:

Department of Housing and Community Development - \$320,000

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 10-0568, which was introduced for the purpose of providing a Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$320,000 to the Department of Housing and Community Development - Program 752 (Community Outreach), to provide funding for additional operating expenses.

This supplementary appropriation will restore personnel positions in the Community Outreach program overseen by DHCD's Ombudsman's Office. These staff members provide crucial assistance to individuals and families that are confronted with a sudden loss of their home and belongings due to a house fire, flooding or any other unanticipated crisis. Additionally, this program provides protective shelter for witnesses of criminal activity whose personal safety has been placed at risk.

The Department of Housing and Community Development supports the passage of City Council Bill 10-568.

Ms. Angela Gibson, Mayor's Office of Government Relations cc:

Ms. Diane Hutchins, Mayor's Office of Government Relations

Ms. Kaliope Parthemos, Deputy Mayor



