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**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 #18-0235 – Supplementary State Fund Operating Appropriation - Health Department - \$239,511. The purpose of this legislation is to provide funding to facilitate the integration of Ryan White Services within the City.

Ryan White has been integral in reducing the instances of HIV/AIDS transmission and related deaths. The Ryan White Part A Program and Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI) provided care to 12,486 people living with HIV/AIDS in 2017. In Fiscal Year 2017, the Greater Baltimore HIV Health Services Planning Council allocated Ryan White Part A and MAI funds to eight of the 13 Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) - approved core medical services, as well as eight of the 16 HRSA support services offered, all of which have the potential to improve clinical outcomes.

Primary medical care is available in multiple sites in Ryan White's Eligible Metropolitan Areas (EMA), including Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs), small independent private settings, and hospital-based settings. Regardless of setting, many programs use evidence-based medicine models and show good outcomes, as demonstrated by our EMA's viral suppression rate of 87%. Many of the larger EMA programs provide comprehensive care using a team of co-located care professionals to address the medical, mental health, and social needs of patients. All Ryan White primary medical care programs also receive case management funding to address engagement and retention in care.

Since its expansion in 2009, the Ryan White program has proven to be a great tool in combatting HIV/AIDS in Baltimore City. For the foregoing reasons, the Health Department urges a favorable report on Council Bill #18-0235.