

CITY OF BALTIMORE

STEPHANIE RAWLINGS-BLAKE, Mayor



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DEPARTMENT OF LAW

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Honorable President and Members
of the City Council of Baltimore
Room 409, City Hall
100 N. Holliday Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Attn: Karen Randle
Executive Secretary

Re: City Council Bill No. 11-0790- Minority and Women's Business
Enterprises – Program Extension

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has been asked to review City Council Bill 11-0790. Bill 790 extends the operation of the Minority and Women's Business Enterprise Program and changes the threshold amounts for the contracts to which the program applies.

The 12 month extension of the program provided for in the legislation will enable the City to conduct a disparity study which is necessary to evaluate the program's goals. The changes in the contract thresholds are necessary to bring them into alignment with the bidding thresholds in the Baltimore City Charter that were recently changed by Charter amendment.

The Law Department approves City Council Bill 11-0790 for form and legal sufficiency.

Sincerely yours,

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