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April 3, 2014

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

RE:

City Council Bill 14-0344 -

Minority and Women's Business Enterprise –

Program Extension

Dear President and City Council Members:

City Council Bill 14-0344 extends the Minority and Women Business Enterprise Program from April 30, 2014 to July 30, 2014. The Minority and Women's Business Opportunity Office believes the extension is critical and strongly supports the extension of the M/WBE Program.

The extension serves two purposes. First, it provides the Council ample time to hold public hearings on the reauthorization of the M/WBE Program. Second, the extension will ensure that the MBE ordinance will remain in effect while the Council considers reauthorizing the Program.

The Minority and Women's Business Opportunity Office believes that the extension is in the best interest of the City and Baltimore business community.

Sincerely,

Thomas B. Corey

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cc: George Nilson, Solicitor Angela Gibson, City Council Liaison, Mayor's Office Elena DiPetro, Chief Solicitor Sharon Pinder, MWBD



