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	Subject	Council Bill 11-0636 Zoning - Conditional Use Convalescent, Nursing, and Rest Home (Assisted Living) - 3604 White Avenue		

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

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The Baltimore City Health Department (BCHD) has reviewed Council Bill 11-0636 Zoning - Conditional Use Convalescent, Nursing, and Rest Home (Assisted Living) - 3604 White Avenue. The purpose of the bill is to permit, subject to certain conditions, the establishment, maintenance, and operation of a convalescent, nursing, and rest home (assisted living) on the property known as 2926 Harford Road, and repeal a previous ordinance relating to the same property.

The Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Office of Health Care Quality (OHCQ) processes assisted living facilities for licensure. BCHD's Adult and Geriatric Health Services, part of the newly formed CARE Services, is responsible for monitoring personal care services provided in these facilities. There is a continuing need in Baltimore City for housing for the frail and elderly, and we support the proposed project with the provision that the property is in compliance with COMAR 10.07.14, Title 10, Assisted Living Programs.

The Assisted Living Facility would serve those who do not meet the criteria for nursing home placement but are in need of 24-hour care and supervision. Admission to a nursing home requires the need for skilled nursing services on a daily basis, while an Assisted Living Facility is appropriate for those who may have minimum need for assistance with personal care, but need close supervision due to some cognitive impairment or dementia.

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BCHD supports Council Bill 11-0636, and will participate in the hearing if requested to provide any information that may be needed in assisting the council in making an informed decision.

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