



April 19, 2009

The Honorable President and Members
of the Baltimore City Council
Attn: Karen Randle, Executive Secretary
Room 409, City Hall
100 N. Holliday Street
Baltimore, MD 21202

Re: City Council Bill 09-119R – (Deployment of FIOS Services in Baltimore City
through the Verizon Maryland Network)

Dear Madame President and City Council Members:

The Mayor's Office of Cable & Communications has reviewed City Council Bill 09-0119R for the purpose of MOCC and Verizon coming before the Council to discuss deployment of the newest high speed internet and television technology in Baltimore. FIOS is, indeed, among the most coveted bundled high speed data, voice and entertainment packages in the nation.

The Mayor's Office of Cable and Communications recognizes the fact that FIOS is a three-prong initiative, telephone, internet and cable television. The telephone and internet service is currently available in Baltimore City; however, the cable service is not. Verizon has requested information from this office relative to the Baltimore cable franchising process. They have not, however, officially applied for a cable television franchise which is the first step before negotiations can begin.

This office concurs with the Council's request to encourage Verizon's entry into Baltimore City and the deployment of the FIOS service.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Harris-Davis
Executive Director

cc: The Honorable Mayor Sheila Dixon
Demaune Millard, Chief of Staff
Karen Miller, Directory of Marketing and Public Relations
Scott Peterson, Director of Media Relations
Angela C. Gibson, Mayor's Legislative Liaison

