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

Re: City Council Bill 26-0190 – Charter Amendment – Procurement Reform

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 26-0190 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill—entitled a resolution—would repeal current Section 11(h)(1)(ii) of Article VI of the Charter, which requires the Board of Estimates to award contracts to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.

If the resolution is enacted and approved by the voters at the next general election, the repeal would become effective either upon the date of the following General Election, or upon passage of an ordinance or promulgation of a regulation governing the repealed provision's subject matter, whichever is sooner.

Under Section 5 of Article XI-A of the Maryland Constitution, a resolution of the Mayor and City Council, such as this one, is an appropriate method of initiating an amendment to the Baltimore City Charter. The Law Department can approve the bill for form and legal sufficiency.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey Hochstetler".

Jeffrey Hochstetler
Chief Solicitor

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