



## MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 26, 2020  
TO: Taxation, Finance and Economic Development Committee  
FROM: Colin Tarbert, President and CEO  
POSITION: Support  
SUBJECT: City Council Bill No. 20-0536 – Minority & Women’s Business Program – Interim Extension

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### **INTRODUCTION**

The Baltimore Development Corporation (BDC) was asked to review and respond to City Council Bill 20-0536, introduced by the Council President and Councilmember Bullock, for the purpose of postponing the termination of the Minority and Women’s Business Program.

### **PURPOSE**

For the purpose of extending the Minority and Women’s Business Program.

### **BRIEF HISTORY**

In 2014, the Disparity Study “The State of Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprise: Evidence from Baltimore” was conducted to evaluate city procurement requirements and procurement activities regarding Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprise. In accordance with Baltimore City Code Article 5 Subtitle 28, section 2 states that the existing disparity study remains a valid factual predicate for the Minority and Women’s Business Program and provides sufficient legal justification for continuing the Program during the interim 5-year extension period enacted by this Ordinance.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

None

### **AGENCY POSITION**

The Baltimore Development Corporation **supports** City Council Bill 20-0536 to postpone the termination of the Minority and Women’s Business Program.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Kim Clark at [kclark@baltimoredevelopment.com](mailto:kclark@baltimoredevelopment.com) or (410) 837-9305.

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