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	SUBJECT	Re: City Council Bill 08-0116 Water Regulations – Citations Penalties		

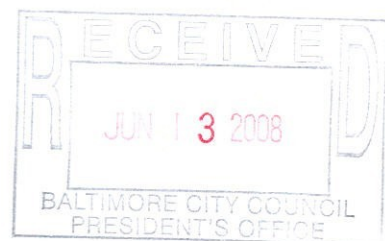
TO The Honorable Stephanie Rawlins-Blake
 President
 City Council of Baltimore
 400 City Hall

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The Environmental Control Board (ECB) supports City Council Bill 08-0116, which in terms of ECB, amends Article 1, Section 40 by actually doubling the fine amount for the enumerated offense of polluting or depositing trash, etc., in Reservoir Waters. This action in all probability will serve as a greater deterrent to individuals who may be less conscious of the need to preserve and protect our natural resources.

In addition this bill eliminates five (5) other offenses from the list of enumerated violations. These violations will be addressed in another forum. ECB does not object to this provision.

ECB thoroughly supports the bill in that we feel that it was necessary to begin with the less punitive penalties as the administration did in the past. Since many constituents did not comply with the law, we looked into a harsher method. This gives us more leverage, since the first approach didn't work. The focus is directed to environmental sustainability now, and violators must be made aware of the seriousness of the need for enforcement.



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