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|                  | Agency Name & Address | Health Department<br>210 Guilford Ave.            |   |   |
|                  | Subject               | Council Bill 08-0050 – Animal Control – Penalties |   |   |

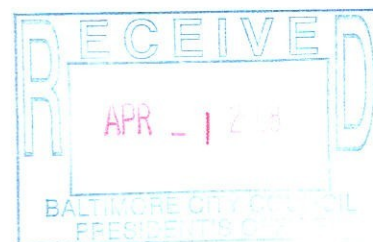
To: President and Members  
of the City Council  
c/o  
409 City Hall

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The Baltimore City Health Department supports City Council Bill 08-0050. The purpose of the bill is to increase the prepayable citation penalties for certain animal control offenses. This bill specifically focuses on fines that will penalize those who abuse animals and keep dangerous and vicious animals.

The Bureau of Animal Control's mission is twofold. It is not only responsible for protecting the human population from dangerous and vicious animals and zoonotic diseases, but it also tries to ensure that every animal within the City is treated humanely. Both animals and the human population alike will benefit from the increase of fines on those activities and acts that conflict with the Bureau's mission. Increasing fines will increase the deterrence of illegal acts.

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