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To: The Honorable President
and Members of the
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Date: July 11, 2008

I am herein reporting on City Council Bill No. 08-0048R

Request for State Legislation - Child Tracking System

FOR the purpose of urging the Baltimore City Delegation to the 2009 Maryland General Assembly to introduce legislation creating a centralized community and governmental resource that would allow for the collection and integration of Maryland-born childrens' evolving data and would help to share children's information among schools, after-school programs, social service agencies, and medical providers from birth to age of majority, in order to increase positive outcomes for Maryland's youth.

Baltimore City Department of Social Services has reservations about recommending the proposed legislation due to the confidentiality provisions that restrict social services from sharing certain client information. Child Protective Service (CPS) abuse and neglect information is one particular element of the bill, which although helpful in the process of improving outcomes for children, is protected by Human Services law § 1-202.

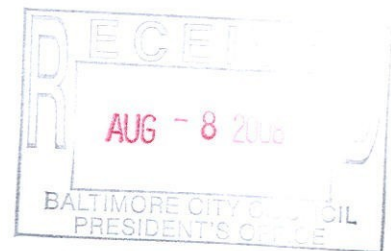
City Council Bill 08-0048R would allow child serving agencies to track school attendance, collaborate on how to promote healthy outcomes for Maryland children as well as support expedited medical, social service or extra -curriculum services. This program would impact the majority of children served by the Baltimore City Department of Social Services. A significant fiscal impact is anticipated to cover the cost of programming and staffing.

Respectfully,

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