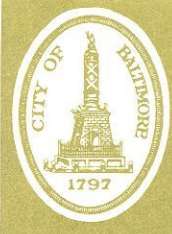


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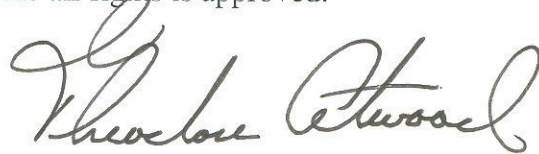
I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 11-0703 introduced by the Council President on behalf of the Administration (Department of General Services).

The purpose of the Bill is to authorize the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to sell, at either public or private sale, all its interest in certain parcels of land known as the air rights over Orleans Street, 189.30 feet west of Wolfe Street, and no longer needed for public use.

The Johns Hopkins University is constructing a 12-story Children's Hospital Tower on the north side of the 1800 block of Orleans Street. The facility will have neonatal and pediatric intensive care units, state-of-the-art surgical units, and other pediatric specialty units. On the south side of Orleans Street is an existing 4 story parking garage owned by the Hospital. Johns Hopkins wants to connect the new Children's Hospital Tower to the parking garage via an elevated pedestrian bridgeway.

City Council Bill 11-0703 and companion City Council Bill 11-0702, if approved, would close the air rights over Orleans Street and authorize its sale, to accommodate the bridgeway. The bridgeway measures approximately 22 feet wide by 70 feet long and will be a minimum of 18 feet above the surface of the roadway.

Based on these findings, the Department of General Services supports passage of City Council Bill 11-0703 provided that the legislation to close the air rights is approved.



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