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February 8, 2008

TO: The Honorable President Stephanie Rawlings-Blake and Members of the Baltimore City Council City Hall, Room 408
100 N. Holliday Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

FROM: Ms. Kathleen G. Kotarba, Executive Director

RE: Bill No. 08-0010-Baltimore City Landmark List-Upton Mansion

This legislation will designate the Upton Mansion as a Baltimore City Landmark. The Commission for Historical and Architectural Preservation <u>approves</u> this legislation and requests that the designation process be completed as soon as possible.

Upton Mansion is located at 811 West Lanvale Street. The Mansion is owned by the City and managed by the Department of Housing and Community Development. They are in support of designation. The Upton Mansion is primarily significant as a rare surviving, nineteenth century Greek Revival country house, built ca. 1838, representing an early stage of development within Baltimore City [Standard #1]. The building is architecturally significant for retaining representative details of Greek Revival architecture [Standard #4]. The building also contributes to the heritage and history of Baltimore City since it served as the home of a prominent attorney; one of Baltimore's earliest radio stations; the home the Baltimore Institute of Musical Arts, Inc., a pioneering African-American musical conservatory; and a special educational school [Standard #5].

Your favorable support is requested. Thank you for your consideration.

cc. Ms. Angela Gibson, Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the City Council

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Mr. Douglas McCoach, Director, Department of Planning

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