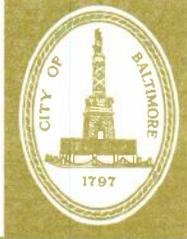


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The Honorable President and Members
of the Baltimore City Council
Attn.: Natawna B. Austin, Executive Secretary
Room 409, City Hall
100 N. Holliday Street
Baltimore, MD 21202

**Re: City Council Bill 20-0545 (Resolution) (Charter Amendment)—Charter Amendment—
Term Limits**

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Comptroller's Office has reviewed City Council Bill 20-0545. This City Council Bill would amend Article V §1 of the City Charter to prohibit a person who has been elected to three consecutive terms as Baltimore City Comptroller from serving as Comptroller again during the term that immediately follows the three consecutive terms. Other provisions of the City Council Bill apply similar prohibitions to the President of the City Council, the Mayor, and City Council members.

The term limits imposed by this City Council Bill amount to as many as twelve consecutive years in office for City elected officials. Any legislation that proposes term limits should strike a balance between the need for continuity in government operations and policy implementation, and the goal of bringing new perspectives and experiences to the elected leadership of the City. The three-term limit in this City Council Bill is a reasonable compromise.

For these reasons, the Office of the Comptroller supports City Council Bill 20-0545.

Sincerely,

Joan M. Pratt, CPA
Comptroller

cc: Mr. Dominic McAlily, Legislative Assistant, Office of the City Council President
Mr. Matt Stegman, Deputy Director of Government Relations, Office of the Mayor
Ms. Nina Themelis, Legislative Liaison, Office of the Mayor