

The Baltimore City Department of
**HOUSING & COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT**

MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
c/o Natawna Austin, Executive Secretary

From: Michael Braverman, Housing Commissioner



Date: September 21, 2017

Re: **City Council Bill 17-0034R - for Request for State Action – Set a Strong Nitrogen Oxides Limit for the Wheelabrator Baltimore Incinerator**

The Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 17-0034R, for the purpose of urging the Maryland Department of the Environment to set a nitrogen oxides pollution limit for the Wheelabrator Baltimore incinerator that is no higher than the 150 ppm standard on a 24-hour average that has been adopted by Connecticut and New Jersey and proposed in Massachusetts, or, if at all possible, significantly lower than 150 ppm in order to provide maximum air quality benefits to residents of Baltimore.

If enacted, the City would request that the Maryland Department of the Environment set pollution limits on nitrogen oxides from the Baltimore incinerator to assist with improving air quality.

The Department of Housing and Community Development supports the passage of City Council Bill 17-0034R.

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cc: Ms. Karen Stokes, *Mayor's Office of Government Relations*
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