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	SUBJECT	City Council Bill No 08-0209 Paper Bag Surcharge		

**TO**

The Honorable Stephanie Rawlings- Blake  
 President of City Council of Baltimore  
 400 City Hall

DATE: June 8, 2009

The Environmental Control Board (**ECB**) supports the above Bill, for the purpose of imposing a surcharge on paper bags provided by dealers to customers.

If a surcharge is imposed it would certainly cause a provider to think seriously regarding the economic impact to its establishment and possibly curb waste. Most effectively, it would increase the public awareness to encourage sustainable choices.

ECB defers to the Law Department for legal sufficiency of this bill.

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