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	SUBJECT	CITY COUNCIL BILL 10-0599		

TO The Honorable President and Members
of the Baltimore City Council
c/o Karen Randle
Room 400 - City Hall

DATE: October 18, 2010

I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 10-0599 introduced by the Council President on behalf of the Administration (Department of General Services).

The purpose of the Bill is to grant a franchise to New Song Urban Ministries, LLC, to construct, use, and maintain a private pedestrian bridgeway above and across a portion of the 1500 block of Presstman Street right-of-way, connecting the New Song Academy Building on the north side of Presstman Street with an Academic and Community building to be constructed on the south side of Presstman Street, subject to certain terms, conditions, and reservations.

New Song Urban Ministries, LLC is a church-based Christian community development group established in 1988 and working within the Sandtown-Winchester area of the City. New Song Ministries partners with volunteers, foundations, community groups, government entities and colleges and universities to transform and rebuild communities. New Song will be constructing approximately 11,462 square feet of new educational and community space and rehabilitating approximately 6,578 feet of existing space on the south side of the 1500 block of Presstman Street. The new and rehabilitated building will contain classrooms, studios, and meeting space. The New Song Academy is located on the opposite (north) side of the 1500 block of Presstman Street. New Song Ministries proposes to construct a private one-story enclosed pedestrian bridgeway to connect the New Song Academy with the new educational building on the south side of the street. The bridgeway will be built at the second-story level of the buildings, providing safe passage for students, employees and visitors to travel between the two structures. Doing so will require the bridgeway to be located above and across the Presstman Street right-of-way.

The bridgeway will measure approximately 66 feet long by 10 feet wide by 14 feet high and will be approximately 17 feet above the street bed at its lowest point. There are no utility or other interests that would be affected by the granting of this proposed franchise. In accordance with the Minor Privilege Schedule of Charges and Regulations as established and set by the Board of Estimates, an annual franchise fee of \$5,808.00 is recommended for this type of encroachment into the public way.

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Based on these findings, the Department of General Services supports passage of City Council
Bill 10-0599.

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Theodore Atwood
Director

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